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PROGRAM: Breeding Bird Atlas Report by Hugh Kingery.

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***** COLORADO BIRD REPORT - 423-5582 *****

DECEMBER 1987 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- DECEMBER 2, Wednesday. Northeastern Colorado: South Platte River, south side from Julesburg to Ovid in A.M; north side from Ovid to Julesburg in P.M. (NEC). Observer: Dan Bridges. (Cloudy; Wind, 10-25 MPH; 35°-45°). 16 miles on foot. 8 hours birding. (33 species, 1349 individuals).
- 5, Saturday. Northwest Denver Lakes (NWDL). Leader: Roland Olderog. Observers: Mike & Rose Barber, Ruth Breckon, Wally & Jenny Kate Collins, Phil Hayes, Barbara Jubrias, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson & Susan Marsh, Joe Tenbrink, Judy Ward, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, 0-3 MPH; 41°-53°). 34 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (41 species, 2941 individuals).
- 6, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCRA). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Dan Bridges, Warren Finch, Alan Hay, Joe Himmel, Dick Pautsch, Virgil Williams. (Partly cloudy becoming clear; Wind, SW 0-5 MPH; 32°-58°). 16 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 9 hours birding. (45 species, 2093 individuals).
- 10, Thursday. Northeastern Colorado: South Platte River, south side from Fort Morgan toward Weldona to Colo. Hwy. 144 bridge at the "Narrows"

DECEMBER 10, (continued)

- (including Muir Springs Park) in A.M.; north side from Colo. Hwy. 144 bridge ("Narrows") to Fort Morgan in P.M. (NEC). Observer: Dan Bridges. (Partly cloudy; Wind, gusting to 50 MPH; 35°-50°). 14 miles on foot. 8 hours birding. (40 species, 1345 individuals).
- 12, Saturday. CBC Pre-Count, Area 17: Ken-Caryl Ranch (KCR). Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Bonnie Hay, Dee Hay, Mort Staatz. (Mostly cloudy; Wind, light; 23°-31°). 21 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (29 species, 637 individuals).
- 12, Saturday. CBC Pre-Count, Area 8: Chatfield Reservoir & some surrounding area (CSR). Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: None. (Partly cloudy, reservoir mostly ice-free; Breezy; 15°-35°). 8 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 5 hours birding. (26 species, 832 individuals).
- 12, Saturday. CBC Pre-Count, Area 4A: Lower South Platte River (LSPR). Observers: Ruth Breckon, Ed Holub, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Floyd Pendell, Nickie Pliler, Ruth Wheeler. (Mostly cloudy; Wind, easterly & calm to gusting; 23°-34°). 49 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (43 species, 9006 individuals).
- 16, Wednesday. Cherry Creek Village & Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCR). Observer: Jack Reddall. (High overcast, hazy, 2"-4" snow cover; Wind, variable 0-5 MPH; 20°-36°). 37 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 9 hours birding. (45 species, 1680 individuals).
- 18, Friday. Northeastern Colorado: Cherry Creek Village to Bennett; Colo. Hwy. 79 to Weld Co. Rds. 73 & 4; Morgan Co. Rds. B,3,U; Bijou Reservoir; Muir Springs Park; Fort Morgan (Riverside Park); Colo. Hwy. 144 to the "Narrows", Weldona & Jackson Reservoir; Orchard; returning to Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (NECOL). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Mostly overcast; Wind, SW 0-5 MPH; 25°-43°). 238 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 9 hours birding. (50 species, 54,052 individuals).
- 21, Monday. Fort Morgan-Weldona Christmas Bird Count (WFCBC). Observers: David Hutchinson, Jeff Hutchinson, Karen Hutchinson, Rebecca Hutchinson, Reneka Hutchinson, Joe Rigli. (Cloudy in A.M., clear in P.M., ½" snow cover; Wind, SW 0-25 MPH; 16°-45°). 331 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 12 hours birding and owling. (54 species, 48,834 individuals).
- 27, Sunday. Southeastern Colorado: Arkansas River, south side from Lamar to Prowers in A.M.; north side from Prowers to Lamar in P.M. (SECO). Observer: Dan Bridges. (Cloudy in A.M., light snow in P.M.; Wind, 0-15 MPH; 15°-28°). 16 miles on foot. 9 hours birding. (39 species, 3045 individuals).
- 30, Wednesday. Northeastern Colorado: Denver to Red Lion SWA; Sterling (cemetery); Muir Springs Park (NECO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy, 6"-20" snow cover; Wind, W 0-5 MPH in A.M. becoming NE 15-25 MPH in P.M.; minus 3° to plus 32°). 381 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 10.5 hours birding. (41 species, 11,352 individuals).

DECEMBER 1987	2	5	6	10	12	12	12	16	18	21	27	30
AREA COVERED	NEC	NWDL	CCRA	NEC	KCR	CSR	LSPR	CCR	NECOL	WFCBC	SECO	NECO
LIFE ZONES VISITED	PLN	PLNS	PLNS	PLN	P/F	PLN	PLNS	PLN	PLAIN	PLAIN	PLNS	PI
Common Loon			1									
Pied-billed Grebe		5					1					
Horned Grebe		7					1					
Double-crested Cormorant		2	5			1						

DECEMBER 1987 A COVERED Life ZONES VISITED	2 NEC PLN	5 NWDL PLNS	6 CCRA PLNS	10 NEC PLN	12 KCR P/F	12 CSR PLN	12 LSPR PLNS	16 CCR PLN	18 NECOL PLAIN	21 WFCBC PLAIN	27 SECO PLNS	30 NECO PLNS
Great Blue Heron	4	11		5			1			2	5	2
Gtr. White-fronted Goose			1im									
Snow Goose												
"White" form										2		
Canada Goose	300	1046	650	5	75	345	6659	999	15000	24724	250	200
Wood Duck							25					
Green-winged Teal		1	2	1		19	6	80	75	2	20	
Mallard	500	333	30	35	3	60	445	45	30000	4736	200	75
Northern Pintail						3	5				3	
Northern Shoveler		31	7				16	1fe	5			
Gadwall		36	1fe				24			7	1	
American Wigeon		23	1fe	2		13	88	1fe		4		
Canvasback						10						
Redhead		8				24				2		
Ring-necked Duck		52				4	21			2		
Lesser Scaup		2	1m2f							3		
Oldsquaw (no details)							1					
Common Goldeneye		54	30			16	16	15		11		
Bufflehead		5				8						
Hooded Merganser		6	1m1f				20		1ma			
Common Merganser		1	750				85	30	30			
Red-breasted Merganser			3fe									
Bald Eagle	1im			1im	1	1		1ad	1a1i	2a1i	1im	2ad
Northern Harrier	1		2im	1				2	2fe	11	7	5fe
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1							1	1ad
Cooper's Hawk								1ad		1		
Northern Goshawk									1im			
Red-tailed Hawk		1a2i			3	2						
"Western" races	3		2	3			1	3	8	6	5	6
"Harlan's" race	1		1					2		2		
Ferruginous Hawk		1	1ad					2ad	5ad	4		
Rough-legged Hawk									15	3	3	6
Golden Eagle									5	2ad		
American Kestrel		3	1		3	1	4	2	10	20	3	13
Merlin												
"Richardson's" race									1			
Prairie Falcon				1				1	7			
Ring-necked Pheasant	3			2				12	3	1	5	
Northern Bobwhite	60			25							14	
Virginia Rail			9	1				1-H	1	2		
American Coot		40	2			100	98	1				
Killdeer			2				4	4	3	5	6	3
Common Snipe			16	8				25	2	19	17	3
Ring-billed Gull		541	250		1	7	313	50	40	4		
California Gull		7	10				4					
Herring Gull		1	150	1ad				65	40			
Glaucous Gull			1im					2im	1im			
Rock Dove		157	4	2	94		115	7	40	178	20	60
Mourning Dove	2			27						1		1
Great Horned Owl		4		1ad	4	1		1ad	1ad	13		2ad
Belted Kingfisher	3	1	1	5		2	1	1	5	10	2	1
Downy Woodpecker	12		1-H	3	1		1	1		4	5	
"Eastern" races		1fe						1				1ma

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Hairy Woodpecker	6			2							2	
"Eastern" races												1ma
Northern Flicker						2			18	55		15
"Yellow-shafted" race				2						2		
"Red-shafted" race	15	5	4	25	20		27	11		8	10	
Horned Lark	3					1		15	300	658	15	7400
Blue Jay	7	1	3	8	8		5	3	6	18	5	1
Scrub Jay					12							
Black-billed Magpie	13	46	20	30	26	20	42	40	35	414	40	55
American Crow		13			34					1	200	
Common Raven					15	2		1				
Black-capped Chickadee	50		4	35	11	4	11	5	10	12		5
Mountain Chickadee					2							
White-breasted Nuthatch	7											
Brown Creeper	1											1
Bewick's Wren											1	
Marsh Wren			3	3				1	3			
Townsend's Solitaire					11		1					2
Hermit Thrush												1
American Robin	3		2	12	11		93	6	35	40		30
Varied Thrush									1ma			1ma
Brown Thrasher								1				
Curve-billed Thrasher											1	
Cedar Waxwing	60						28		3	30		
Northern Shrike								1ad	2	2		3ad
European Starling	15	190	40	600	44		609	35	500	4882	350	250
Yellow-rumped Warbler												
"Audubon's" race										1		
Green-tailed Towhee				1								
Rufous-sided Towhee												
"Spotted" races					1		1					
American Tree Sparrow	60	6	10	60	2	23	13	35	45	192	100	180
Song Sparrow	10	1	18	20	5	3	1	20	35	43	20	4
Swamp Sparrow				1					1ali	1		
White-throated Sparrow									1ad	5		1im
White-crowned Sparrow		2		75			2			46	150	
"Gambel's" race									30			10
Harris' Sparrow	2			3						2	2	
Dark-eyed Junco		1			24		19			395		
"White-winged" race					1					10		
"Slate-colored" race	3	2	1		1		5	1	2	11	10	
"Oregon" race	75	3		40	8		5		22	15	30	45
"Gray-headed" race					2					6		
Lapland Longspur									15		10	
Red-winged Blackbird	12	210	25	200	100	155	30	35	7500	10068	1200	2600
Western Meadowlark	3	4	2			6		1	65	246	300	200
Brewer's Blackbird										12		1fe
Common Grackle							2					
House Finch	8	50	10	15	40		60	60	15	36		5
Common Redpoll (no det.)					1-?							
Pine Siskin	2			10					1	19		55
American Goldfinch	20	2	2	40	1		21	2	15	87	5	30
House Sparrow	80	27	10	30	75		76	50	90	1742	25	75
TOTAL SPECIES-95	33	41	45	40	29	26	43	45	50	54	39	41

AF EVIATIONS AND NOTES: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i; Heard Only=H; Plains=PLAIN, PLNS, PLN, P; Foothills=F.

ADDITIONAL DECEMBER 1987 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

PLEASE NOTE! Instructions for submitting "Additional Reports":

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the compiler reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual/rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips. Sightings reported to the Colorado Bird Report will not automatically be accepted and published in the Lark Bunting unless reported to the compiler in writing as stipulated in item 2 below.
2. Individual "Additional Reports" should be submitted in writing in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List (1983, 1985 & 1987) order and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and the specific location. Please refer to the Supplement to Lark Bunting, Volume 21, Number 3 (DECEMBER 1985) for instructions on preparing written documentation to support observations of extremely rare or accidental species and for any species never recorded before in Colorado.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual "Additional Reports" is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the current month.
4. Send your "Additional Reports" to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111.

Bald Eagle 12-15 (2 adults, 4 immatures) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (JR).
Merlin 12-22 (1, "Richardson's" race) Crow Valley Park, Briggsdale, Weld Co. (JR);
12-22 (1, "Richardson's" race) Co. Rds. 77 & 116, Weld Co. (JR).
Mourning Dove 12-25 through 12-27 (1) backyard feeder at 4430 Gladiola, Golden,
Jefferson Co. (RS).
Eastern Screech-Owl 1-3 (1) 2358 South Fillmore, Denver, Denver Co. (BR,SR).
Golden-crowned Kinglet 12-15 (1) Sterling cemetery, Logan Co. (JR); 12-16 (3)
Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan Co. (DB).
Eastern Bluebird 12-30 (5) Bear Creek Greenbelt near footbridge east of Estes
Street, Jefferson Co. (WF).
Brown Thrasher All month (1) at backyard feeder eating cracked corn, 4450 South
Alton St., Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe Co. (DR,JR).
Bohemian Waxwing Many reports all month of good numbers of birds (BJ,JR,JT et al).
Palm Warbler 12-22 (1) South Platte Greenway, Denver, Denver Co. (DB).
Green-tailed Towhee 12-27 (1) 14845 Foothill Road, Golden, Jefferson Co. (CW).
Field Sparrow 12-1 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co.-written details sub-
mitted (JT).
Fox Sparrow 12-27 (1, P. i. zaboria) 14845 Foothill Road, Golden, Jefferson Co.
(CW). This is the "Yukon" race of the Fox Sparrow which is quite rusty as com-
pared to our breeding "Slate-colored" race-Ed.
Lapland Longspur 12-22 (15) Co. Rds. 80 & 115, Weld Co. (JR).

CONTRIBUTORS: Dan Bridges (DB), Warren Finch (WF), Bob Jickling (BJ), Dorothy
Reddall (DR), Jack Reddall (JR), Bob Righter (BR), Sandy Righter
(SR), Robert Spencer (RS), Joe Tenbrink (JT), Carley Warren (CW).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

"THIRD ANNUAL UPPER TEXAS COAST BIRD TRIP"-April 14 (night) through April 19, 1988.

Last year over 200 species of birds were seen including Ruff, Sprague's Pipit, Bachman's Sparrow. Minimum/Maximum-6. All expenses shared except for air fare. Last year's per person expenses ran approximately \$200. Contact Bob Righter after January 1, 1988 if interested (tel. 692-8529).

DENVER AUDUBON SOCIETY'S BIRDSEED AND FEEDER SALE - ORDER NOW!

Denver Audubon Society is having its 10th Semi-annual wild birdseed and feeder sale. It is selling sunflower seeds, sunflower chips, wildbird mix, thistle, millet and cracked corn. It also has a variety of plastic tube and wooden house type feeders. The feeders are available now and seed will be available for your pickup on Sunday, January 24, 1988. Call the Denver Audubon Society at 860-1471 to order.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO CONDUCT "SHORT COURSE" ON LOCAL BIRD-WATCHING FOR CUB SCOUTS.

A volunteer is needed to teach a group of Cub Scouts (ages 8-11) and their parents a short course on local bird-watching in the Highlands Ranch area. If interested, please call Kate Ruys at 791-2437 (early morning is best).

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT

We wish to acknowledge the following individuals for their generous donations to the Colorado Bird Report: Donald Scott Groves of Lakewood
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PURCHASING "A BIRDER'S GUIDE" SERIES BOOK

Be sure and purchase your copies of the "Birder's Guide" series (Lane and Holt) at regular monthly meetings of the Denver Field Ornithologists. The new "A Birder's Guide to Colorado" is now available and covers the entire state. Forty percent of all sales made at DFO meetings are turned over to our treasury.

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Please notify the Treasurer, Mr. Alan Hay - 6361 Brooks Drive, Arvada, Colorado 80004 (Tel. 422-0239). DO NOT CONTACT THE EDITOR!

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Yc 1988 DFO membership dues are payable now (see attached renewal slip). All memberships which are not renewed by January 31, 1988, will automatically be cancelled. So be sure to renew yours today!

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 1988

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED! If you would like to lead a Field Trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Ruth Breckon (455-0970) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). The DFO is the only organization in the United States that schedules and conducts Field Trips every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year. We need Field Trip Leaders to keep the tradition going strong.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

CARPOOLING URGED ON FIELD TRIPS: All Denver Field Ornithologists are urged to carpool wherever possible when going on Field Trips to help to conserve energy. If you contemplate going on any of the scheduled Field Trips listed below, please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for carpooling.

SUGGESTIONS TO LEADERS: Take initiative in arranging for carpooling. Be sure the drivers know the route to be taken so no one gets lost. Arrange a rest stop by noon. Make an attempt to see that all members of the group see the birds observed. Or in some copies of the "Denver Field Ornithologist--Membership Information" handout sheet to give to prospective new members joining your Field Trip. Call Alan Hay (Tel. 422-0239) to obtain copies.

FEBRUARY 6, Saturday. SEDALIA, PLUM CREEK, CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK AREA.
Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the Safeway parking lot, South Logan at Hampden (U.S. Hwy. 285). *

7, Sunday. TWO HOUR TOUR OF BIRD WORLD INCLUDING BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE DENVER ZOO. Leaders: Docent Barbara Jubrias (424-1750) and Denver Zoo personnel. Meet at the main gate on 23rd Avenue at 1:30 P.M. SHARP! Group entrance fee is \$3.00 per person. /

13, Saturday. TOUR OF FEEDERS IN LITTLETON, DEER CREEK AND TURKEY CREEK.
Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Centennial Shopping Center west of King Soopers, South Federal Blvd. at Bellevue. *

14, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Irv Jackson (233-2171). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History, north parking lot at the east end. *

20, Saturday. BOULDER AREA. Leader: Alex Crux, Jr. (1-776-8989). Meet at 7:15 A.M. to carpool at the Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, 38th and Wadsworth Blvd. Park on the street east of parking lot south of the church. Meet Leader at 8:00 A.M. at Basemar Shopping Center at the southeast corner of Baseline Road and Broadway (Colo. Hwy. 93). *

21, Sunday. CHATFIELD SRA. Leader: Dick Schottler (985-0579). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Park-'n-Ride on South Wadsworth Blvd. south of Hampden (U.S. Hwy. 285). *

FEBRUARY 27, Saturday. BEAR CREEK AREA. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest section near South Sheridan Blvd. at Hampden (U.S. Hwy. 285). *

28, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SRA. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the West Gate. Parks Pass required. *

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SUBMITTED BY: Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)
FIELD TRIP COORDINATORS

MORE ADDITIONAL DECEMBER 1987 REPORTS:

Bonaparte's Gull 12-9 (50) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo Co. (NE)
Thayer's Gull 12-19 (1 immature) South Platte River at 8th Ave., Denver (NE)
Hermit Thrush 12-5 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (NE)

CONTRIBUTOR: Norm Erthal (NE).

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' SCRAP BOOK CHANGES HANDS

Kathy Hawkins has volunteered to take over responsibility for maintaining the DFO Scrap Book. If you have any items that you would like to donate to the scrap book, please submit them to Kathy Hawkins at 6860-D East Mississippi Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80224. We wish to extend a hearty thanks to Judy Ward for her superb job of originating the DFO Scrap Book and maintaining it over the past year. Thanks so much, Judy.

LARK BUNTING SUPPLEMENT
1987 DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Kathy Hawkins, Co-compiler
Jack Reddall, Co-compiler

Hugh Kingery, Feeder Coordinator

December 19, 1987: 3:00 A.M. to 5:15 P.M.-MST. Morning: Clear. Afternoon: Overcast with occasional light snow flurries late. Temperature: 10° to 41° F. Wind: Variable 0-20 MPH. Snow Cover: 0" to 16". Fresh Water: Partly open on the plains, frozen in the foothills and mountains. Wild Food Crop: Good. Observers: One hundred and thirty-nine (91 in 31 parties with 48 at feeders). Total Party Hours: 246.2 (179.0 on foot, 67.2 by car). Total Party Miles: 849.1 (131.1 on foot, 718.0 by car). In addition, four hours were spent "owling" covering about 10 miles while 157 hours were expended by "feeder-watchers". Totals: 100 species plus six races. About 39486 individuals.

On this, our 34th annual Christmas Bird Count, we reached the "century" mark for the second time in the last five years despite the fact that most of the ponds, lakes and reservoirs were mostly frozen over depriving us of several species of waterfowl. Despite finding 100 species, we failed to turn up any new species to add to our all-time count total. Thus, the grand total number of species recorded over the past 34 years on the Denver Christmas Count remains at 166.

While no new species were added during this year's count, several unusual birds were found as follows:

WILD TURKEY (19) came into a backyard to feed at the home of mountain "feeder-watcher", Dave Stephenson. Wild Turkeys have been recorded but four times on the Denver Christmas Bird Count.

WESTERN BLUEBIRD (6) found by David, Rebecca and Reneka Hutchinson in Count Area 2 (Lower Bear Creek). This is only the second time that Western Bluebirds have been seen on the Denver Christmas Bird Count. Two were found on the 1974 CBC.

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE (1) seen by Norm Erthal in Count Area 20 (Willow Creek). This is only the fourth time that this species has been recorded on our count, but this makes two years in a row.

Without question, the outstanding feature of this year's count was that we counted 39,486 individuals! The previous high number of individual birds was in 1981 when 33,304 birds were found. As a result new maximum individual numbers were achieved for twelve species this year: Canada Goose-11665 (10428 in 1984), Green-winged Teal-204 (151 in 1975), Ring-necked Duck-260 (236 in 1968), Common Goldeneye-251 (198 in 1986), Sharp-shinned Hawk-11 (8 in 1986), Wild Turkey-19 (18 in 1980), Blue Jay-117 (85 in 1985), Black-capped Chickadee-548 (524 in 1977), Western Bluebird-6 (2 in 1974), American Robin-1198 (1066 in 1969), Bohemian Waxwing-5871 (2922 in 1968), Cedar Waxwing-140 (78 in 1981).

The ten most numerous species, pretty much as usual, were as follows: Canada Goose-11665, Bohemian Waxwing-5871, European Starling-3222, Mallard-2147, Red-winged Blackbird-1511, House Finch-1356, American Robin-1198, Black-billed Magpie-1196, House Sparrow-938, Rock Dove-798.

And finally, a note of special thanks to all of those who volunteered to be Area Count Leaders for this year's count and to all of the observers who participated.

A summary of the 1987 Denver Christmas Bird Count on an Area-by-Area basis follows:

PARTICIPANTS BY AREA (Leaders underlined)

- AREA 1, Red Rocks Park (RR). Winston William Brockner, Mel Gabel, Bill Payne.
- AREA 2, Lower Bear Creek (LBCK). Mary Jane Schock, Bobby Ausfahl, Barbara Bridges, Lori Chappell, Marc Goodbody, David Hutchinson, Rebecca Hutchinson, Reneka Hutchinson, Woody Laughlin, Dick Pautsch, Marjorie Roberts, Helen Singer.
- AREA 2A, Bear Creek Lake Park (BCP). Richard Hale. No observers.
- AREA 3, Bow/Mar (BMAR). Jack Reddall, Harold and LaVona Holt, Dorothy Reddall.
- AREA 4A, Lower South Platte (LSPR). Ruth Breckon, Ed Holub, Ruth Wheeler, Virginia Bleck, Hazel Kellogg, Jean Maguire, Floyd Pendell, Nicky Pliler, Virgil Williams.
- AREA 4B, Lower South Platte (LSPR). Dick Schottler, Dick Pratt, John Schenck.
- AREA 5, Highline Ditch (HLD). Harold Oliver, Lois Freeman, Betty Oliver, Donna Randolph.
- AREA 6, Plum Creek (PC). Doug Ward, Judy Ward.
- AREA 7A, Middle South Platte (MSP). Patricia Echelmeyer, Mary Jane Black, Ann Bonnell, Tamie Bulow, Bill Fink, Alice Kruse, Else and Tom Van Erp, Ellie Walker, Steve Williams, Cheryl Winette.
- AREA 7B, Middle South Platte (MSP). Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery, Al Lavery, Deb Ostergard.
- AREA 8, Chatfield SRA (CSR). Phil Hayes, Brenda Cockrell, Joey Kellner, Janice Sadler, Joe Tenbrink.
- AREA 9, Upper South Platte (USP). David Martin, James Allison, Joe and Mari Mamm-oser, Maxine Stewart,
- AREA 10, Lower Deer Creek (LDC). Lynn Willcockson, Sally Asher, Lisa Berg, Frank Clough, Elizabeth Willcockson.
- AREA 11, Upper Deer Creek (UD). Ken LaBorde, Linda LaBorde.
- AREA 12, Yegge Peak (YP). Dan Bridges. No observers.
- AREA 13, Doublehead Mountain (DH). Mike Carter, Tom Parchman, Lance Rockwell.
- AREA 14, North Turkey Creek (NTCK). Warren Finch, Diane Hutton.
- AREA 15, Indian Hills (IHLL). Duane Nelson. No observers.
- AREA 16, Upper Bear Creek (UB). Cal Wichern. No observers.
- AREA 17, Ken-Caryl Ranch (KCR). Alan Hay, Dave Eberhard, Dee Hay, Irv Jackson, Keith Ketner, Colin Larsen, Sue Larson, Chris Martin, Mort Staatz.
- AREA 18, Garrison Gate. Area not counted.
- AREA 19, Morrison/Willow Brook (MW). Carol Hack, Fern Hack.
- AREA 20, Willow Creek (WCRK). Norm Erthal. No observers.
- AREA 21, Mt. Lindo to Willow Springs (MTL). John Bregar. No observers.

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PART ONE

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	1 RR	2 LBCK	2A BCP	3 BMAR	4A LSPR	4B LSPR	5 HLD	6 PC	7A MSP	7B MSP	8 CSR	9 USP	10 LDC	11 UD
Pied-billed Grebe				1	5						1 (1)			
Western Grebe				1										
Double-crested Cormorant				2	3	15				9 8	7			
Great Blue Heron		7	1											
Snow Goose ("White" form)														
Canada Goose		1169	194	1700	1447	2300	93	35	514	6	110		400	
Wood Duck				3	7	3								
Green-winged Teal		29		15		125		14	19	2				
Mallard		789	25	430	326	90	37	10	236	28	1	5	2	
Northern Pintail		5		2	12	16				2				
Northern Shoveler				10	19			8			9			
Gadwall		9	71	8	16	34		2			2			
American Wigeon		70	2	50	47	32			10	8				
Canvasback						4					5			
F. head		1			5	17			3					
Ring-necked Duck					70	190								
Lesser Scaup				3	3									
Common Goldeneye		1	1	120	32	45				31	21			
Bufflehead				4		37					9			
Hooded Merganser					23				1					
Common Merganser					285	12			4		8			
Red-breasted Merganser					2									
Ruddy Duck											(1)			
Bald Eagle			1im	(1)		1ad			(1)	(1)	1ad	1ad	(1)	
Northern Harrier				1										
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1		1								4		
Cooper's Hawk	1	1			1									
Red-tailed Hawk														
"Western" race		1	6	2	3	3	1	1	8	2	1	2		
Ferruginous Hawk			1				1							
Rough-legged Hawk		1					2					1		
Buteo sp.		2												
Golden Eagle	1											1ad		
American Kestrel		13	3	3	7	4	2	2	4	1	3	1	2	
Prairie Falcon	1					1	1	1	1	1				
Ring-necked Pheasant						2		1						
Virginia Rail								1	2	5				
American Coot		8		10	155	30			4		37			
Killdeer		1			7	9		4	2	1	1			
Common Snipe		3		8		1		17	4	1		1		
Ring-billed Gull		30		15	382	45			4		13			
California Gull				1							1			
Herring Gull					4	2					3			
Gull sp.		9							300	1	15			
Rock Dove	14	151	5	10	132	40	98	5	63			5		

PART ONE (continued)

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	1 RR	2 LBCK	2A BCP	3 BMAR	4A LSPR	4B LSPR	5 HLD	6 PC	7A MSP	7B MSP	8 CSR	9 USP	10 LDC	11 UD
Eastern Screech-Owl								1						
Great Horned Owl			1			1		1	8	4		3	1	
Belted Kingfisher		14	1	3	2	4		2	6	4		2		
Downy Woodpecker		3	2	1	7	1		7	2	3		4	1	2
Hairy Woodpecker								2	1	1				2
Northern Flicker														
"Red-shafted" race	8	75	6	11	36	17	1	14	24	17	2	18	2	1
Horned Lark			8			25	23		21		56			
Steller's Jay	2											72	16	34
Blue Jay		19		2	6	3							2	
Scrub Jay	8						1					9	13	
Black-billed Magpie	14	359	33	110	89	43	36	45	72	41	23	16	18	8
American Crow		1			3		7	10	3	3	1	62	39	
Common Raven	2		11		1	1		4	4			4	2	3
Black-capped Chickadee	9	50	26	15	33	21	13	50	43	67	6	24	7	13
Mountain Chickadee	1	2	4	3					1				1	31
Red-breasted Nuthatch													11	
White-breasted Nuthatch		1						3	7				2	4
Pygmy Nuthatch													1	
Brown Creeper		5	1					2	2	1			3	
Canyon Wren	4											3		
Marsh Wren								1						
American Dipper		8	2	2					3	1		9		
Western Bluebird		6												
Townsend's Solitaire	19	1	1	1	1		3			1	1	12	8	11
American Robin	47	137		125	50	3		25		37		158	50	5
Water Pipit						3								
Bohemian Waxwing				25				60	120	210	200	920		
Cedar Waxwing				100	7	9							22	
Northern Shrike	1	1	1			1		4	2		1			
European Starling		502	19	700	162	250	103	30	116	36	8	58	8	
Yellow-rumped Warbler														
"Audubon's" race		3												
Rufous-sided Towhee	2			2		1		4	1	4		13	1	
American Tree Sparrow		39	20	2	1	17	28	85	14	51	6	1	2	
Fox Sparrow													1	
Song Sparrow	3	14	8	15	7	26	3	50	15	94	7	2	4	
Swamp Sparrow								4						
White-throated Sparrow										3				
White-crowned Sparrow		8	2	2	3	1	2	4		1		2		
Dark-eyed Junco		56	31							21				
"White-winged" race			2									1		
"Slate-colored" race	2		20	2	4			5	1	26		33		2
"Oregon" race	46		61	15	15	35	14	10	5	7		51	11	1
"Gray-headed" race	9		1	3	1	4						48	2	1
Red-winged Blackbird		379		2	269	70	30	75	140	56				
Western Meadowlark		21				1	29	15		3	5		11	
Rusty Blackbird								12						
Brewer's Blackbird		4												
Rosy Finch														
"Gray-crowned" race	15													
"Black" race	19													
Cassin's Finch	6											15		4

PART ONE (continued)

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	1 RR	2 LBCK	2A BCP	3 BMAR	4A LSPR	4B LSPR	5 HLD	6 PC	7A MSP	7B MSP	8 CSR	9 USP	10 LDC	11 UD
House Finch	13	87	35	30	50	33	17	7	11	13		13		
Red Crossbill				1										10
Pine Siskin		3		1								141		6
American Goldfinch		3			10	8		5	18	29	3	1		
Evening Grosbeak		8	6		6			2				7	1	2
House Sparrow		53		70	73	65	5	1	2				2	

PART TWO

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PART TWO (continued)

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	12 YP	13 DH	14 NTCK	15 IHLL	16 UB	17 KCR	19 MW	20 WCRK	21 MTL	FEED PLNS	FEED FOOT	GRAND TOTAL
Killdeer												25
Common Snipe						2		1				38
Ring-billed Gull						3		4				496
California Gull												2
Herring Gull												9
Gull sp.				3		123		47		17		342
Rock Dove										67	35	798
Eastern Screech-Owl												1
Great Horned Owl												22
Belted Kingfisher							1					39
Downy Woodpecker	2	2		3		2	1	2		5	5	55
Hairy Woodpecker	3	6		2					1		13	31
Northern Flicker									1			1
"Red-shafted" race		1	1	2	3	19	4	8	3	50	3	326
Horned Lark												133
Steller's Jay	27	34	25	25	2	1	7		22		129	396
Blue Jay						15	1	1		67	1	117
Scrub Jay	1			3		23	15	6	19		13	111
Black-billed Magpie	2	8	25	14	6	22	17	41	18	87	49	1196
American Crow	4	42	4	5		20	9	10	10	7	18	258
Common Raven	10	3	5	3	6	13		4	6		6	88
Black-capped Chickadee	2	2	7	3	2	14	15	15	10	50	51	548
Mountain Chickadee	59	72	17	35	3		9	10	7	6	61	322
Bushtit									16			16
Red-breasted Nuthatch										2	5	18
White-breasted Nuthatch	8	21		6					1		16	69
Pygmy Nuthatch	45	21	3	33					12		24	139
Brown Creeper	2	5		14			2	3	2			42
Canyon Wren				1		2						10
Marsh Wren												1
American Dipper					1		1					27
Golden-crowned Kinglet	14	2		20				2	1			40
Western Bluebird												6
Townsend's Solitaire	7	4	20	45	6	15	7	6	37		1	207
American Robin			20	290	4	52	15	49	52	78	1	1198
Water Pipit												3
Bohemian Waxwing		60	1000	2200				400	325	286	65	5871
Cedar Waxwing										2		140
Northern Shrike						1						12
European Starling		24	55	11		132	25	399	18	559	7	3222
Yellow-rumped Warbler												3
"Audubon's" race												1
Green-tailed Towhee								1				1
Rufous-sided Towhee			2	3			7	2	4	3	5	54
American Tree Sparrow								17		136	5	424
Fox Sparrow												1
Song Sparrow				1		3	3	6		1		262
Swamp Sparrow												4
White-throated Sparrow												3
White-crowned Sparrow										2		27
Dark-eyed Junco		30				53	25	15	4	24	118	377
"White-winged" race		11		10		1					21	46
"Slate-colored" race	5			1		1	12	5		84	59	262

PART TWO (continued)

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	12 YP	13 DH	14 NTCK	15 IHLL	16 UB	17 KCR	19 MW	20 WCRK	21 MTL	FEED PLNS	FEED FOOT	GRAND TOTAL
Dark-eyed Junco												
"Oregon" race			5	4		3	45	13	5	52	51	449
"Gray-headed" race	11	12	5	1		4	35	4	3	25	109	278
Red-winged Blackbird						134	12	10		334		1511
Western Meadowlark						5						90
Rusty Blackbird				1								13
Brewer's Blackbird												4
Rosy Finch											50	50
"Gray-crowned" race												15
"Black" race												19
Cassin's Finch		26	3	30				5	6		51	146
House Finch				3	10	127	43	160	20	611	73	1356
Red Crossbill				1					1			13
Pine Siskin	25	45		4		10	15		1	39	109	399
American Goldfinch								2	1	18	7	105
Evening Grosbeak	85	40	2	15			18	15		54	93	354
House Sparrow				6		90	45	37	7	451	31	938

TOTALS BY COUNT AREA

LOCATION	SPECIES	INDIVIDUALS
1-RR	21	247
2-LBCK	47	4163
2A-BCP	31	612
3-BMAR	47	3643
4A-LSPR	45	3829
4B-LSPR	49	3701
5-HLD	24	550
6-PC	43	641
7A-MSP	44	1838
7B-MSP	38	830
8-CSR	32	562
9-USP	35	1723
10-LDC	31	636
11-UD	17	151
12-YP	17	312
13-DH	22	473
14-NTCK	20	1207
15-IHLL	34	2803
16-UB	11	44
17-KCR	29	922
19-MW	24	390
20-WCRK	36	3518
21-MTL	31	619
FEED-PLN	32	4767
FEED-FHL	31	1305
TOTALS	100	39486



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JANUARY 1988 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- JANUARY 2, Saturday. South Platte River Urban (SPU). Leaders: Ruth Breckon and Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Mike & Rose Barber, Alan & Dee Hay, Irv Jackson, Hazel Kellogg, Tim Schowalter, Bob Spencer, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Wind, calm). 18 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 5 hours birding. (29 species, 621 individuals).
- 2, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt & Mt. Olivet Cemetery to Boulder (Valmont Reservoir, Walden Ponds, Bluebell Canyon & Chautauqua Park (DNBR). Observers: Catherine Cummins, Jack Reddall, Van Remsen. (Clear; Wind, SW 10 MPH; 10°-30°). 120 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 9.5 hours birding. (57 species, 5445 individuals).
- 3, Sunday. Bear Creek-plains only (BC). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Ed Acela, Tim Maguire, Hugh Ravatt. (Clear; Wind, light; 25°-35°). 10 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (12 species, 92 individuals).

- JANUARY 3, Sunday. Crook Christmas Bird Count: Tamarack Ranch SWA, Red Lion SWA, Jumbo Reservoir SWA & county roads north of Crook (CCBC). Observers: Catherine Cummins, Jack Reddall, Van Rensen. (Partly cloudy; Wind, SW 5-10 MPH in A.M. becoming 10-15 MPH in P.M; minus 22° to plus 15° with wind chills estimated at minus 40° at sunrise). 80 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 9.5 hours birding. (50 species, 7243 individuals).
- 9, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park (BAR). Leaders: Lee & Marilyn Rowe. Observer: Joe TenBrink. (Partly cloudy, 8"-15" of snow cover, no open water on lake; Wind, light; 0°-14°). 16 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 3 hours birding. (24 species, 853 individuals).
- 10, Sunday. Northeastern Colorado: Denver to Hudson; Colo. Hwy. 52; Weld Co. Rds. 73&4; Morgan Co. Rds. B,3,U; Bijou Reservoir; Fort Morgan; Muir Springs Park; South Platte River ("Narrows"); Jackson Reservoir; Orchard (NECO). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Bill Brockner, David Christian, Bill Fink, Hazel Hanley, Fred & Brenda Howser, Dieter Kamm, Jean Maguire, Mort Staatz. (Partly cloudy, hazy, 5"-10" of snow cover; Wind, 4-7 MPH; 15°-30°). 229 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 10.5 hours birding. (43 species, 6640 individuals).
- 16, Saturday. Boulder area: Devil's Thumb, Valmont Reservoir, Boulder Creek (BLD). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Peter Gent, Alan Hay, Phil Hayes, Irv Jackson, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Shirley Spencer, Joe TenBrink, Claude Vallieres, Ruth Wheeler. (Mostly clear; Wind, NW 5 MPH; 25°-30°). 15 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 6.5 hours birding. (46 species, 1062 individuals).
- 17, Sunday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WGB). Leader: Mort Staatz. Observers: Richard Hale, Alan Hay, Irv Jackson, Barbara Jubrias, Paul Lotz, Tom Lotz, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Wind, calm). 2 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (28 species, 648 individuals).
- 23, Saturday. Chatfield Reservoir SRA (CH). Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Alan & Dee Hay, Irv Jackson, Hazel Kellogg, Bill Payne, Ruth Wheeler, Virgil Williams. (Mostly clear, 4"-12" of snow cover; Wind, NW 15-40 MPH; 30°-40°). 15 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 5 hours birding. (20 species, 125 individuals).
- 24, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCK). Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Randy Lentz, Mort Staatz. (Mostly clear, up to 20" of snow cover; Wind, calm; 15°-30°). 10 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 6.5 hours birding. (34 species, 756 individuals).
- 30, Saturday. Adams County: Greenbelt and Nature Preserve, lakes and creeks, South Platte River (ADM). Leader: Joe TenBrink. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Alan & Dee Hay, John Humphries, Irv Jackson, Bob Jickling, Hazel Kellogg, Joanne Kyhl, Maxine Litzo, Jean Maguire, Dick Pautsch, Lee & Marilyn Rowe, Robert Spencer, Ruth Wheeler, Robin Yates. (Clear; Wind, calm in A.M., 20 MPH in P.M; 40°-63°). 40 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 7.5 hours birding. (32 species, 1566 individuals).
- 31, Sunday. Red Rocks Park (RR). Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Mike & Rose Barber, Pearl Jordan, Mort Staatz. (Overcast; Wind, 5-15 MPH; 28° falling to 24°). 1.5 miles on foot. 3 hours birding. (15 species, 119 individuals).

JANUARY 1988 FIELD TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 91 species were reported from a combination of 10 scheduled DFO and 2 individual field trips conducted during the month of January. Without a doubt, the extremely cold weather coupled with up to two feet of snow cover in many areas sharply curtailed bird-watching activity during the month. As a result, there were few notable observations. Western Grebes wintered as usual at Valmont Reservoir in Boulder with 6 reported on January 2nd. An immature Double-crested Cormorant was reported in the Boulder area on the 2nd and again on the 16th. The field trip along the South Platte River south of Denver found 4 Black-crowned Night-Herons on January 2nd (a few individuals generally remain along the river each winter). The usual species of ducks were reported on most field trips with the most notable being the annual wintering Greater Scaups (up to 3) at Prospect Lake in the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Also of interest were 1200 Ring-necked Ducks observed at Valmont Reservoir in Boulder on the 2nd. Raptor numbers were way down this month on the high plains as they have been all winter long. Twelve raptor species were reported on the Crook Christmas Bird Count on the 3rd including one adult Northern Goshawk. Ten different species were observed on a raptor field trip to the eastern plains on January 10th. However, the number of individual birds seen was relatively low compared to normal years. Also seen on the Crook CBC were 17 Wild Turkeys climbing into a tall stand of cottonwoods to roost at sunset along the South Platte River at the Tamarack Ranch SWA. The single Greater Yellowlegs returned for the fifth year in a row to its haunts up and down Clear Creek in the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. One first winter Thayer's Gull was found at the Walden Ponds on the 2nd near Boulder. Five Long-eared Owls were turned up on the January 24th field trip to the Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA. A single Brown Thrasher was observed at Muir Springs Park near Fort Morgan on the 10th. A male "eastern race" Rufous-sided Towhee was flushed from a wind-break at the Tamarack Ranch SWA on the Crook CBC on January 2nd. And finally, Western Meadowlarks appear to have remained on the eastern high plains in unusually good numbers this winter despite the deep snow cover with 200 counted on the January 10th field trip to northeastern Colorado.

JANUARY 1988	2	2	3	3	9	10	16	17	23	24	30	31
AREA COVERED	SPU	DNBR	BC	CCBC	BAR	NECO	BLD	WGB	CH	CCK	ADM	RR
LIFE ZONES COVERED	PLN	PLFH	PL	PLNS	PLN	PLNS	P/F	PLN	PL	PLN	PLN	FH
Pied-billed Grebe		2					1	1				
Western Grebe		6					2					
Double-crested Cormorant		1im					1im					
Great Blue Heron	3	2		1			1	1				
Black-crowned Night-Heron	4											
Canada Goose	28	1100	30	1700	535	850	229	305		175	200	
Green-winged Teal	7	35			2	2ma	2	12	3	80	1	
Mallard	220	800		1100	14	160	20	154	9	115	65	4
Northern Pintail		4				1m1f						
Northern Shoveler	48	10					1	23		2	27	
Gadwall	33	1m1f					5	3			5	
American Wigeon	2	35		3		1ma		15				
Canvasback		15					4				3	
Redhead	2	10						1			20	
Ring-necked Duck	20	1200					30	2			400	
Greater Scaup		1m2f						2				
Lesser Scaup	10	115					15	11				
Common Goldeneye	57	60		40				13	8	5	36	
Bufflehead	6						2					
Hooded Merganser	2	1ma					5fe					

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Common Merganser	15	750		265			10		6	85	36	
Red-breasted Merganser		8					2					
Bald Eagle		1im		6a6i		3a1i			1a		1im	
Northern Harrier		1fe		11	2	7fe						
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1ad		2ad						
Cooper's Hawk				1im		1				1		
Northern Goshawk				1ad								
Red-tailed Hawk												
"Western" races		8	2	5		10	1		3	5	3	
"Harlan's" race					1							
Ferruginous Hawk		2ad		4ad		5ad	1				2	
Rough-legged Hawk		1		7		9					2	
Buteo species				1								
Golden Eagle		1ad		2im		5ad						1
American Kestrel		6	3	2	1	12	3		2	1	3	
Merlin												
"Richardson's" race				1								
Prairie Falcon		2		2		4					1	
Ring-necked Pheasant				34	2	25				19		
Wild Turkey				17								
Northern Bobwhite				7								
American Coot	2	80					30	14				
Killdeer	1	1		3	1	2				2		
Greater Yellowlegs		1										
Common Snipe				2	1	6		2		6	7	
Ring-billed Gull	33	450					89	15	3	18	90	
Herring Gull	23	50					7			6	2	
Thayer's Gull		1im										
Rock Dove	74	60	2	9	66	65	41	29	8	2	16	25
Eastern Screech-Owl				1-H								
Great Horned Owl				4ad		3ad			1	5		2
Long-eared Owl										5		
Belted Kingfisher	1	1ma		1		2ma	2	2				
Downy Woodpecker	2		2		8	2		2		2	1	
"Eastern" races		2		2								
Hairy Woodpecker												
"Eastern" races				2								
Northern Flicker				27		15		3				
"Red-shafted" race	3	3	1		3		4		3	4	3	1
Horned Lark		45		980	32	1500				30	40	
Steller's Jay		7					12					2
Blue Jay		2		28		6	1					
Scrub Jay												10
Black-billed Magpie	8	65	6	20	43	110	16	12	20	26	31	5
American Crow	2	6		9		6	6		4			
Common Raven		6							3			2
Black-capped Chickadee		7	25	23	23	10	2	6	9	16	3	4
Mountain Chickadee		1										
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1							1			
White-breasted Nuthatch									2			
Brown Creeper					18			1	2	3		
American Dipper			1					1				
Eastern Bluebird							1					
Mountain Bluebird							1					

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Townsend's Solitaire		2					1					10
American Robin		3		890		1	3			8		25
Brown Thrasher		1				1						
Bohemian Waxwing				22						1		
Cedar Waxwing				3								
Northern Shrike				4ad		5ad				1		
European Starling	4	350	15	95	7	100	284	8	36	95	194	
Rufous-sided Towhee							1					
"Eastern" races				1ma								
"Spotted" races				1ma								
American Tree Sparrow				320	25	60	13	5	1	8		
Song Sparrow	1	3	2	16	22	13				7	2	
Swamp Sparrow						1						
White-crowned Sparrow							3					
"Gambel's" race				25		5						
Dark-eyed Junco				16		5						
"White-winged" race							2					
"Slate-colored" race			3	16						1		
"Oregon" race		3		195	27		6				18	15
"Gray-headed" race		2					4					4
Lapland Longspur				2								
Red-winged Blackbird		75		535	10	3000	60	2		15	320	
Western Meadowlark				81	4	200				1	2	
Brewer's Blackbird						70						
Rosy Finch												
"Gray-crowned" race												7
Cassin's Finch							2					
House Finch	1	6			1	1	14			3	20	2
Pine Siskin							77					
American Goldfinch				113		2	3	3		3		
Evening Grosbeak							6					
House Sparrow	9	35		570	5	350	36				12	
TOTAL SPECIES-91	29	57	12	50	24	43	46	28	20	34	32	15

ABBREVIATIONS & NOTES: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i;
Heard Only=H; Plains=PLNS, PLN, PL, P; Foothills=PH, F.

ADDITIONAL JANUARY 1988 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

Black-crowned Night-Heron 1-30 (7 adults, 1 immature) South Platte River between West Jewell and West Evans, Denver (FJ,JJ).
Snow Goose 1-24 (7 "White" morphs) Prowers, Bent Co. (DB).
Bald Eagle 1-8 (6 adults, 1 immature) Nelson Road, Boulder Co. (JC,BJ); 1-14 (1 adult) Plum Creek delta, Chatfield Reservoir SRA, Douglas Co. (FJ,JJ); 1-23 (1 adult) McLellan Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (TJ).
Sharp-shinned Hawk 1-27 (1 adult) 2025 S. Monroe, Denver (TJ).
Red-tailed Hawk 1-31 (1 "Harlan's" race) McLellan Reservoir. Written documentation submitted (TJ).
Merlin 1-22 (1) 203 West Raferty Court, Littleton, Arapahoe Co. (TM).
Baird's Sandpiper 1-13 (1) South Platte River upstream from U.S. Hwy. 6 bridge near Merino, Logan County (DB).
Black-legged Kittiwake 1-15 (1 adult) Valmont Reservoir, Boulder Co. Written documentation submitted (JT).
Mourning Dove 1-8 (4) North 55th St. & Nelson Road, Boulder Co. (JC, BJ).

Lewis' Woodpecker 1-8 (1) Oxford Road, Boulder Co. (JC,BJ).
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1-9 through 1-11 (1 immature) 1748 S. Van Gordon Court, Lakewood, Jefferson Co. Excellent written documentation submitted on key field marks (DS).
Sapsucker sp. 1-6 (1) Wadsworth at 26th Ave. (VR).
Northern Flicker All month (1, "Yellow-shafted" race) 2695 Newland Street, Denver (PE).
Scrub Jay 1-6 (1) 377 Ord Drive, Boulder, Boulder Co. (BJ).
Bewick's Wren 1-24 (1) Arkansas River upstream from Prowers, Bent Co. (DB).
Brown Thrasher All month (1) coming to feeder, eating cracked corn, 4450 S. Alton St., Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe Co. (JR); 1-28 (1) 1848 14th Avenue, Greeley, Weld Co. (JH); no date given (1) 377 Ord Drive, Boulder (BJ).
Curve-billed Thrasher 1-12 through 1-27 (1) coming to a porch feeder, 203 W. Raftery Court, Littleton, Arapahoe Co. (HK, etal).
Northern Shrike 1-24 (1) Arkansas River upstream from Prowers, Bent Co. (DB).
Harris' Sparrow 1-3 through 1-24 (1 immature) 310 Skylark Way, Boulder (BJ).
Common Redpoll DECEMBER 31, 1987 (30) four miles east of Vail, Eagle Co.(TS)
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"TUESDAY BIRDERS" (Field Trip Summaries):

JANUARY 12, CHATFIELD RESERVOIR SRA. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 21
Mallard-10, Teal sp.-4, Common Goldeneye-2, Common Merganser-10, Red-tailed Hawk-1, American Kestrel-1, Gull sp.-1, Great Horned Owl-1, Horned Lark-1, Black-billed Magpie-6, American Crow-1, Black-capped Chickadee-2, American Dipper-1, Townsend's Solitaire-1, Waxwing sp.-8, European Starling-1. (16 species, 51 individuals).

JANUARY 26, CHATFIELD ARBORETUM & WATERTON CANYON. Leader: Ann Bonnell.
Observers: 20

Mallard-2, Great Horned Owl-3, Downy Woodpecker-3, Northern Flicker-1, Scrub Jay-10, Black-billed Magpie-13, American Crow-17, Common Raven-2, Black-capped Chickadee-9, American Robin-38, Brown Thrasher-1, European Starling-2, Song Sparrow-2, White-throated Sparrow-1, Golden-crowned Sparrow-1 im., Dark-eyed Junco-11, Western Meadowlark-1, House Finch-10, American Goldfinch-12, House Sparrow-7. (23 species, 148 individuals).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 1988

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List (1983, 1985 & 1987) order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111. PLEASE NOTE: Submitting Field Trip summaries in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List order saves the Editor considerable time and trouble since his worksheets are laid out in this manner. There are several Field Check-Lists currently in circulation, some of which are out-of-date. Field Trip Leaders are requested to use "The Field Check-List of Birds of Eastern Colorado" (10-82) to compile and submit the results of their Field Trips. This Check-List can be obtained at regular monthly meetings of the DFO (free to Leaders).
2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered by car and on foot and duration of the trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "Forms" (e.g., Snow Goose-"White" form vs. "Blue" form) and/or subspecies (e.g., Northern Oriole-"Baltimore" race vs. "Bullock's" race with your summary.

4. On Field Trips where more than one Life Zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species found in each Life Zone (e.g., Plains, Foothills, Mountains, Alpine).
5. Individual Field Trips are acceptable and will be published along with the results of regularly scheduled DFO Field Trips depending upon space and interest.
6. Deadline for receipt of all Field Trip Reports is the fifth of the follow-month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the Monthly Summaries.
7. Please notify the Editor (Jack Reddall - Tel. 771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

PLEASE CALL THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT AT 423-5582 BEFORE GOING ON A FIELD TRIP
TO DETERMINE IF THERE HAVE BEEN ANY LAST MINUTE CHANGES IN SCHEDULING.

- MARCH 5, Saturday. REYNOLDS PARK AND SOUTH PLATTE RIVER. Leader: Robert Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest section near Burlington Coat Factory) at South Sheridan Blvd. north of Hampden Ave. (U.S. Hwy. 285). *
- 6, Sunday. LOWER DEER CREEK, WATERTON, McLELLAN RESERVOIR. Leaders: Betty and Harold Oliver (936-6902). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest section near Burlington Coat Factory) at South Sheridan Blvd. north of Hampden Ave. (U.S. Hwy. 285). *
- 12, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Mike Carter (659-6005 - Barr Lake Nature Center). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Barr Lake Nature Center. *
- 13, Sunday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 8:30 A.M. at Prospect Park, West 44th Avenue near Robb Street. Lunch optional.
- 19, Saturday. CHATFIELD SRA. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at 7:15 A.M. at Park-'N-Ride on south Wadsworth Blvd. south of Hampden Ave. (U.S. Hwy. 285). *
- 19-20, Saturday and Sunday. SANDHILL CRANE WATCH IN THE NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA AREA. Leader: Bill Brockner (674-4851). You must register with Leader by March 15 if going! Make your own lodging reservations or contact the leader. In case of inclement weather, trip will be on weekend of March 26 & 27.
- 26, Saturday. CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SRA. Leader: Floyd Pendell (758-5530). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at West Gate to SRA. *
- 27, Sunday. PUEBLO AREA. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 6:15 A.M. at Southmoor Park-'N-Ride (take Hampden Ave. exit at I-25 east to Monaco, then south past Alpine Ice Arena to Magnolia Way). Assemble in southwest corner. Call leader if you are going as trip will be limited to ten on first-come-first-served basis. *

* BRING LUNCH

Submitted by: Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

FIELD TRIP COORDINATORS

TUESDAY BIRDERS: You are welcome to join a group of birders on each Tuesday of the month. Call Ann Bonnell (979-62110 for details.

During the summer of 1988 several Peregrine Falcon chicks will be put in a specially built box--called a hack box--atop the 23-story Civic Center Plaza Building in downtown Denver. Once these beautiful birds begin venturing out on their own, downtown shoppers, workers and visitors will be treated to a spectacular show as these majestic falcons fly and hunt in the canyons of downtown Denver.

WHY DOWNTOWN? Peregrine Falcons can be raised on tall buildings and bridges in the same way they are raised on cliffs in wild eyries. In fact, in the eastern United States, this has been one of the main ways Peregrines are being re-introduced because many of the wild sites are no longer suitable. In Albany, New York, 15

Peregrines have been hacked atop a 20-story building over the past three years. In Salt Lake City, Utah, a pair of Peregrines chose to nest on the ninth floor of a 10-story hotel downtown.. They successfully raised three chicks in 1986. During 1987, the female returned with a new male, nested again, and raised a new brood. Food will be plentiful in downtown Denver for the young falcons. They'll mostly prey on pigeons and small birds. Although the traffic downtown will pose some hazard, experience has shown that the mortality rate for Peregrines in cities is about equal to that in the wild.

WHY PEREGRINES? Peregrine Falcons are an endangered species whose numbers declined drastically in the 1950's and 60's. Pesticides caused the eggs laid by the adults to have precariously thin shells; these eggs broke easily during incubation. By 1972, there were no breeding Peregrine Falcons in Colorado. Today, thanks to the intense recovery efforts by wildlife biologists, there are nearly two dozen nesting pairs in the state. This downtown release is a part of that recovery effort. The hope is that Peregrines will return to nest in downtown or somewhere else along the Front Range.

HOW WILL THE BIRDS BE RAISED? Anywhere from four to six birds will be put in the hack box in July or August of 1988. Attendants, unseen by the falcons, will monitor the birds and feed them quail daily. Once the birds are old enough to venture out on their own, the box will be opened and the birds will begin learning how to fly and hunt. By autumn, the Peregrines will be ready to migrate south, possibly to Mexico or Panama.

WHO IS SPONSORING THIS PROJECT? This project is being sponsored by the Colorado Division of Wildlife, the Colorado Wildlife Federation and the Denver Museum of Natural History. The Peregrine Partnership, a coalition of downtown businesses, corporations and individuals is providing the funds. You can help by contributing to the partnership. You can also help save the Peregrine Falcons by contributing through the nongame wildlife check-off on your Colorado state tax form. You can donate part of your tax refund or add to your tax liability by using the check-off. You can also contribute





directly to the Division of Wildlife's nongame wildlife program.

Contributions should be made to the Peregrine Partnership,
in care of the Colorado Wildlife Federation, 1560 Broadway,
Suite 895, Denver, Colorado 80202.

COLORADO BIRD OBSERVATORY

Bird observatories are institutions that specialize in long-term studies of regional birds. Their activities range from strictly scientific to wholly recreational. Staffs usually consist of one or several ornithologists and a large number of enthusiastic volunteers. Observatories provide unique opportunities for interested people to contribute to the study of birds, while providing invaluable information available only through long-term studies.

The Colorado Bird Observatory, located at Barr Lake, will specialize in studies on birds of plains riparian ecosystems. Barr Lake was chosen because of published records dating to 1909, and its current status as a top bird-watching area in Colorado. However, this important resource will no doubt be affected by the proposed E-470 Highway, proposed new Stapleton International Airport and general urban encroachment. The Colorado Bird Observatory is in a unique position to study these changes and provide information and education that will help maintain the habitats and bird populations of this regionally important area.

Research will consist of extensive bird banding programs, monthly counts, breeding bird surveys and studies on specific bird species. In 1988, the observatory will initiate a spring and fall landbird banding station, a fall shorebird banding station, a heron rookery study and a Bald Eagle nest observation program. Workshops and classes will be held to educate volunteers in the methods of banding, bird surveys and the nest observation program. The observatory will also conduct education programs for the general public emphasizing hands-on activities such as banding demonstrations and in-hand identification classes.

Initial support for the Colorado Bird Observatory was obtained from the Colorado Division of Wildlife in the form of a challenge grant of \$8000, potentially generating a total of \$16000 (the first six-month budget of the observatory). The observatory will continue to be supported through memberships, research and foundation grants, contracts, contributions and fund raisers. In addition to the Division of Wildlife, grants have been received from the Zoology Department of the Denver Museum of Natural History and the Denver Field Ornithologists, enough to buy the first year's field equipment. The observatory will have a salaried director, a board of directors and will operate as a not-for-profit organization.

By far, volunteers will be the most important component of the Colorado Bird Observatory. Volunteers are needed to help band birds, conduct monthly and breeding bird surveys, conduct species-specific studies, help with fund raising, conduct education programs and generally be involved with all aspects of observatory operations.

The Colorado Bird Observatory offers one of the most unique opportunities available for Coloradoans to engage in hands-on research and education with birds, yet be truly recreational to those involved. If you would like to be a part of the observatory, write to Michael Carter, Director, Colorado Bird Observatory, 13401 Picadilly Road, Brighton, Colorado 80601.



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FEBRUARY 1988 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

FEBRUARY 6, Saturday. Sedalia to Castlewood Canyon State Park (S/C). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Mike & Rose Barber, Bill Brockner, Hazel Kellogg, Randy Lentz, Bob Spencer, Virgil Williams. (Wind, S 10-15 MPH; 60-55°). 106 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 7.5 hours birding. (37 species, 706 individuals).

7, Sunday. Denver Zoo: Bird World, including incubation room and other behind the scenes areas plus various ponds, flight cages and enclosures. Leaders: Jane Clark, Barbara Jubrias, Bill Loessberg. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Virginia Bleck, Fred Hager, Leroy Crotts, Irv Jackson, Jean Jackson, Maxine Litzo, Jean Maguire, Clare McDonald, Betty Oliver, Dick Pautsch, Beverly Petersen, Ashley Ridgeway, Cari Ridgeway, Marjorie Roberts, Esther Shobe, Joe TenBrink, Vito Tursi, Dexter Williams, Helen Williams. Some interesting new exhibits included young Andean Condors, Falkland Island flightless Steamer Ducks, Hammerkops, Smew, Eastern Rosella, Palm Cockatoo and Black Swans. NOTE: Bird World is closed for remodeling until March 12.

- FEBRUARY 8, Monday. "Denver Metro": Castlewood Canyon State Park; Sedalia, Louviers to Waterton; Chatfield SRA; McLellan Reservoir; along the South Platte River from Hampden Ave. to Florida; Wheat Ridge Greenbelt; Red Rocks Park & Cherry Creek SRA (DMET). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy; Wind, SW 5-15 MPH with local gusts to 45 MPH from NW in P.M; 25°-52°). 151 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. 11 hours birding. (60 species, 3396 individuals).
- 13, Saturday. Feeders: Littleton, Deer Creek Canyon & Turkey Creek Canyon (FD). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Ruth Breckon, Phil Hayes, Irv Jackson, JoAnne Kyhl, Thompson Marsh, Dorothy Percy, Don Spencer, Toby Titman, Virgil Williams. (Partly cloudy; Wind, light). (27 species, 277 individuals).
- 14, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park (BL). Leader: Irv Jackson. Observer: Lucy Pace. (Clear; Wind, 15-20 MPH; 32°). 50 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (14 species, 29 individuals).
- 15, Monday. Southcentral Colorado: Denver to Pueblo; Burnt Mill Road & Crow Cut-Off; Muddy Creek Ranch; Colorado City; Walsenburg; Lathrop State Park; return to Denver & Cherry Creek SRA (SCC). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy; Wind, W 10-30 MPH gusting to 40-50 MPH; 30°-63°). 352 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 11.5 hours birding. (50 species, 1802 individuals).
- 20, Saturday. South Boulder County: Chautauqua Park (McClintock Trail, Mesa Trail, Enchanted Mesa Trail); along South Boulder Creek in Eldorado Springs; Walden Ponds, Valmont Reservoir (SBCO). Leader: Alex Cruz, Jr. Observers: Brenda Cockrell, Ed Holub, Joey Kellner, Hazel Kellogg, Joe TenBrink, Ruth Wheeler. (Cloudy in A.M. becoming clear in P.M., snow cover 0"-6"; Wind, 0-20 MPH; 35°-55°). 28 miles by car, 4.5 miles on foot. 7.5 hours birding. (42 species, 966 individuals).
- 21, Sunday. Chatfield SRA, Waterton Canyon & McLellan Reservoir (CSRA). Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Warren Finch, Jack Reddall, Don Spencer, Virgil Williams. (Mostly clear; Wind, 0-10 MPH; 30°-60°). 10 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 7.25 hours birding. (41 species, 1122 individuals).
- 25, Thursday. Northcentral Colorado: Denver to Hamilton Reservoir (Rawhide Energy Project); Wellington to Nunn; Pawnee National Grassland (Weld Co. Rds. 114, 37, 122, 45); Latham Reservoir (NCCO). Observers: Harold Holt, Jack Reddall. (Clear; Wind, SW 5-10 MPH; 31°-63°). 276 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 10 hours birding. (42 species, 16122 individuals).
- 27, Saturday. Bear Creek, plains to foothills (BC). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Dave Christian, Hazel Kellogg, JoAnne Kyhl, Tim Maguire, Terry Maguire, Floyd Pendell, Hugh Ravatt, Aaron Sell, Don Spencer, Ruth Wheeler, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Wind, light; 50°-60°). 30 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 7.5 hours birding. (30 species, 229 individuals).
- 27, Southcentral Colorado: Colorado Springs, Brush Hollow Reservoir, Canon City, Florence, Pueblo Reservoir, Pinyon Rest Stop on I-25 (SCC). Observers: Duane Nelson, David Martin. (Wind, calm; 35°-70°). 150 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. (48 species, 1144 individuals).

FEBRUARY 28, Sunday. Cherry Creek SRA (CCRA). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Mary Burns, Nate Burns, Virginia Elder, Norm Erthal, Warren Finch, Richard Hale, Hazel Hanley, Joe Himmel, Twyla Jorgensen, Joey Kellner, Jill Knaak, Randy Lentz, Priscilla McLain, Bob Righter, Dick Schottler, Mort Staatz, Pat Stevens. (Partly cloudy to cloudy; Wind, variable 0-10 MPH; 37°-47°). 22 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 10.5 hours birding. (45 species, 1835 individuals).

FEBRUARY 1988 FIELD TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 108 species of birds were reported during the month of February from a combination of seven scheduled and four individual field trips. Twenty Horned Grebes and 25 Western Grebes were spotted at Hamilton Reservoir at the Rawhide Energy Project north of Fort Collins on the 25th. On the same day, an immature Tundra Swan was also observed at this reservoir. Hamilton Reservoir has been the one and only "hot-spot" in an otherwise uneventful first two months of 1988 (see "Additional Reports" for more details). Duck species were generally reported in good numbers throughout the month. Northern Pintails (350), Canvasbacks (175) and Redheads (900) at Hamilton Reservoir on February 25 heralded the beginning of the spring migration even though most of the reservoirs remained frozen. Two Greater Scaups wintering at Prospect Lake in the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt were seen on the 8th (1 male, 1 female). All three species of North American scoters have apparently wintered over at the Hamilton Reservoir, a truly remarkable occurrence for Colorado. One female Black, one immature male Surf and one probable immature male White-winged were observed on the 25th and these birds have been reported on-and-off all month. The February 20th field trip to the Boulder area observed an adult Northern Goshawk being harassed by a flock of Steller's Jays as it devoured a mammal along the Enchanted Mesa Trail above Chautauqua Park. As reported in January, raptors are few and far between this winter in eastern Colorado and along the front range. On the 25th over 30 miles of the Pawnee National Grassland northeast of Nunn were covered by car without encountering a single hawk, eagle or falcon! A male "Bendire's" race of the Merlin was seen feeding on a small rodent along the northeast shore of Hamilton Reservoir on the 25th. This race of the Merlin seldom occurs in Colorado. A female Northern Bobwhite was flushed at the southern end of the Cherry Creek SRA on the 28th. This bird most likely "escaped" from the nearby hunting dog training area where apparently live birds are used to help train hunting dogs. An adult Glaucous Gull was observed at the water hole at Cherry Creek Reservoir on the 8th and an immature, first winter bird was seen there on the February 28th field trip. A road-kill Northern Saw-whet Owl was found on the 27th between Colorado Springs and Penrose. Eight Eastern Bluebirds were spotted on February 15th along the Crow Cut-off in extreme southwestern Pueblo County where apparently a small number have wintered during the past two or three years. A flock of 200 Bohemian Waxwings were observed along Muddy Creek at the Crow Cut-off on the 15th. Fifty more were seen on the same day at Lathrop State Park in Huerfano County. An immature Golden-crowned Sparrow was reported several times during the month at the entrance to Waterton Canyon and was seen on February 8th in the company of a White-throated Sparrow and several Rufous-sided (Spotted) Towhees. A single Purple Finch was observed on the February 6th field trip in the Sedalia/Castlewood Canyon area. However, no details were submitted substantiating this sighting a very rare finch in Colorado.

FEBRUARY 1988	6	8	13	14	15	20	21	25	27	27	28
AREA COVERED	S/C	DMET	FD	BL	SCC	SBCO	CSRA	NCCO	BC	SCC	CCRA
LIFE ZONES VISITED	P/F	PLFH	PF	PL	P/F	PLFH	PLNS	PLNS	PF	P/F	PLNS
Pied-billed Grebe						1		1			
Horned Grebe								20			
Western Grebe								25			

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FEBRUARY 1988 AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	6 S/C P/F	8 DMET PLFH	13 FD PF	14 BL PL	15 SCC P/F	20 SBCO PLFH	21 CSRA PLNS	25 NCCO PLNS	27 BC PF	27 SCC P/F	28 CCRA PLNS
Belted Kingfisher							1		4		
Lewis' Woodpecker	2				3						
Ladder-backed Woodpecker										3	
Downy Woodpecker	1				1		3				
"Batchelder's" race		1ma	1							1	1m1f
"Eastern" races		1							4		1fe
Hairy Woodpecker	1		1				2				
"Rocky Mountain" race		1fe									
"Eastern" races						2fe 1fe					
Northern Flicker										3	
"Red-shafted" race	4	8	4	1	5		5		6		13
Horned Lark								900		10	
Steller's Jay	2	8	10			15					
Blue Jay	3	2	6	1	1			1			
Scrub Jay	35	12	5		3		1			20	
Black-billed Magpie	50	85	8	6	50	25	27	10	13	20	90
American Crow	15	20	2		35	2				100	2
Chihuahuan Raven					2						
Common Raven	4	7	1		6	7	4		2	8	1
Black-capped Chickadee	20	7	9			7	13		10	6	5
Mountain Chickadee		15	17		1	15					
Plain Titmouse					2					5	
Bushtit					15					10	
Red-breasted Nuthatch		4	4								
White-breasted Nuthatch		4		1		4	1				1-H
Pygmy Nuthatch		15	4			20			1		
Brown Creeper							3		2		
Canyon Wren										1	
Bewick's Wren										2	
Marsh Wren											1-H
American Dipper		2				1	2		3		
Eastern Bluebird					8						
Western Bluebird										3	
Mountain Bluebird					25					30	
Townsend's Solitaire	8	20	1		5	2	2			20	
American Robin	6	45	9	1	150			2	2	30	10
Brown Thrasher										1	
Bohemian Waxwing					250						
Waxwing sp.						50					
Northern Shrike	3	2ad		1	1im		1		1		1ad
Loggerhead Shrike										1	
European Starling	75	300	28	1	150	50	90	400	50	500	375
Rufous-sided Towhee	28		1							2	
"Spotted" races		4ma					2ma				
Brown Towhee										2	
American Tree Sparrow	6	2		6		4	15	5			20
Song Sparrow	6	8			2		1		4	3	4
White-throated Sparrow		1									
Golden-crowned Sparrow		1im									
White-crowned Sparrow										6	
Dark-eyed Junco										70	
"White-winged" race			1			9					1
"Slate-colored" race	2	1	1								
"Oregon" race	4	1	6	4	15	3	5		3		9
"Gray-headed" race	4	1	3			15					

FEBRUARY 1988 AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	6 S/C P/F	8 DMET PLFH	13 FD PF	14 BL PL	15 SCC P/F	20 SBCO PLFH	21 CSRA PLNS	25 NCCO PLNS	27 BC PF	27 SCC P/F	28 CCRA PLNS
Red-winged Blackbird	35	250			280	3	6	250	6	100	45
Western Meadowlark				1			1				
Rosy Finch											
"Gray-crowned" race		3									
Purple Finch (No details)		1-?									
Cassin's Finch	8	1m1f	2		5	2-H				1	
House Finch	30	7	7		30	2	2	25	2	50	10
Pine Siskin	12		22		5	3				5	
American Goldfinch	2			1	35				2	5	
Evening Grosbeak	4	10			15					20	
House Sparrow	6	40	9	3	10	8	1	60		2	5
TOTAL SPECIES-108	37	60	27	14	50	42	41	42	30	48	45

ABBREVIATIONS & NOTES: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i;
Immature male=ima; Heard Only=H; Plains=PLNS, PL, P; Foothills=FH, F; Road Kill=RK.

ADDITIONAL FEBRUARY 1988 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

PLEASE NOTE! Instructions for submitting "Additional Reports":

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the compiler reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual/rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips. Sightings reported to the Colorado Bird Report will not automatically be accepted and published in the Lark Bunting unless reported to the compiler in writing as stipulated in item 2 below.
2. Individual "Additional Reports" should be submitted in writing in Sixth A.O.U. Check-list (1983, 1985 & 1987) order and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and the specific location. Please refer to the Supplement to Lark Bunting, Volume 21, Number 3 (December 1985) for instructions on preparing written documentation to support observations of extremely rare or accidental species and for any species never recorded before in Colorado.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual "Additional Reports" is the fifth of the month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the current month.
4. Send your "Additional Reports" to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111.

Horned Grebe 2-6 (10) Hamilton Reservoir, Larimer Co. (JR).
Greater White-fronted Goose 2-26 (8) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JH, et al).
Ross' Goose 2-26 (1 adult) Latham Reservoir (JH, et al).
Cinnamon Teal 2-23 (3 pair) Latham Reservoir (JH).
Red-breasted Merganser 2-22 (6 males, 1 female) Sloan's Lake, Denver Co., Denver (DS).
Bald Eagle 2-12 (1 adult) flying up Waterton Canyon at dusk, Jefferson Co., (AS); 2-21 (1 adult) along St. Vrain Creek near Hygiene Road and 61st St., Boulder Co. (TJ); 2-21 (1 adult) Rocky Mountain Arsenal just off Tower Rd. near Irondale Rd., Adams Co. (TJ); 2-21 (1 adult) Rocky Mountain Arsenal at 104th Ave. near Potomac St., Adams Co. (TJ).
Rough-legged Hawk 2-13 (20) plains in the Last Chance/Lindon/Anton area of Washington Co. and 2-20 (20) plains in the Last Chance/Lindon/Anton area of Washington Co. (HK).

Prairie Falcon 2-13 (7) & 2-20 (3) plains in the Last Chance/Lindon/Anton area of Washington Co. (HK).
Merlin 2-5 through 2-12 (1) 869 Milwaukee, Denver (always at dusk), Denver Co. (HK); 2-13 (3) & 2-20 (2) plains in the Last Chance/Lindon/Anton area of Washington Co. (HK).
Whooping Crane 2-15 (1 adult) Monte Vista NWR, Rio Grande Co.-with 200+ Sandhill Cranes (DS).
Greater Yellowlegs 2-27 (1) along Clear Creek, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (WF).
Thayer's Gull 2-13 (1 adult) Hamilton Reservoir, Larimer Co. (BJ).
Lesser Black-backed Gull 2-6 through 2-28 (1 adult) Hamilton Reservoir, Larimer Co. (TG plus many other observers). Unquestionably the bird of the year so far in Colorado. This represents only the second state record for this species in the state. The initial record occurred in December 1976, a single adult at Lake Sangraco in Adams Co. The Hamilton Reservoir bird is the British race, Larus fuscus graellsii.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2-22 (1 immature) 2695 Newland St., Denver (PE).
Bushtit 2-6 (20) & 2-19 (20) in yard at 869 Milwaukee, Denver (HK); 2-15 (20) 9th Ave. & Detroit, Denver. Presumably the same flock (HK).
Eastern Bluebird 2-13 (1) & 2-20 (3) at the "Stonehouse", Bear Creek Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (WF).
Brown Thrasher all month at backyard feeder (1) 4450 S. Alton St., Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe Co. (DR, JR).
Cedar Waxwing 2-13 (5) 2025 S. Monroe, Denver, Denver Co. (TJ).
Loggerhead Shrike 2-17 & 2-18 (1) Riverdale Golf Club (at the clubhouse), Adams Co.-written documentation submitted (JT).
Lapland Longspur 2-13 (65) & 2-20 (115) plains in the Last Chance/Lindon/Anton area of Washington Co. (HK).
Yellow-headed Blackbird 2-28 (1) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JH, DB, KM, SM).
American Goldfinch Near the end of the month several birds began what looked like some pair bonding feeding at a thistle feeder at 2025 S. Monroe, Denver. One bird was observed taking a bill full of thistle seeds and feeding another bird (a female) situated on a perch below even though she was already next to a feeding port where she could get lots of seeds. This ritual was performed by several finches (TJ).
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"TUESDAY BIRDERS" (Field Rip Summaries):

FEBRUARY 3, WATERTON CANYON. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 25.

Hairy Woodpecker-1, Northern Flicker-6, Scrub Jay-6, Black-billed Magpie-8, American Crow-2, Black-capped Chickadee-8, American Dipper-3, Townsend's Solitaire-8, American Robin-7, Rufous-sided Towhee-6, Song Sparrow-1, White-throated Sparrow-1, Golden-crowned Sparrow-1, Dark-eyed Junco-20, Cassin's Finch-10, House Finch-12. (16 species, 100 individuals).

FEBRUARY 9, SLOAN'S LAKE. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 29.

Canada Goose-600, Green-winged Teal-2, Mallard-200, Northern Shoveler-100, American Wigeon-4, Common Goldeneye-2, Common Merganser-8, Ring-billed Gull-155, Herring Gull-4, American Crow-2, Rock Dove-75, European Starling-6. (13 species, 1154 individuals).

FEBRUARY 9, PROSPECT PARK. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 29.

Canada Goose-275, Mallard-85, American Wigeon-14, Ring-necked Duck-2, Greater Scaup-2, Lesser Scaup-14, Common Goldeneye-2, Red-breasted Merganser-1, Red-tailed Hawk-1, American Coot-32, Ring-billed Gull-52, Herring Gull-1,

Downy Woodpecker-1, Black-billed Magpie-8, Black-capped Chickadee-4. (15 species, 494 individuals).

FEBRUARY 16, SOUTH PLATTE RIVER-Dartmouth to Ruby Hill. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 30.

Pied-billed Grebe-3, Black-crowned Night-Heron-25, Canada Goose-96, Green-winged Teal-24, Mallard-62, Northern Shoveler-93, Gadwall-6, American Wigeon-54, Common Goldeneye-18, Hooded Merganser-2, Common Merganser-14, American Kestrel-4, Killdeer-1, Ring-billed Gull-17, Northern Flicker-1, Black-billed Magpie-7, Black-capped Chickadee-4, Song Sparrow-1, Red-winged Blackbird-1, House Finch-4, Rock Dove-49, European Starling-47, House Sparrow-3. (23 species, 536 individuals).

FEBRUARY 23, CHATFIELD ARBORETUM. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 12.

Canada Goose-14, Rough-legged Hawk-1, American Kestrel-2, Rock Dove-4, Great Horned Owl-1, Downy Woodpecker-4, Northern Flicker-1, Black-billed Magpie-5, American Crow-42, Black-capped Chickadee-11, White-breasted Nuthatch-3, American Robin-1, Song Sparrow-1, Dark-eyed Junco-4, House Finch-3. (15 species, 97 individuals).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

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Be sure and purchase your copies of the "Birder's Guide" series (Lane and Holt) at regular monthly meetings of the Denver Field Ornithologists. The new "A Birder's Guide to Colorado" is now available and covers the entire state. New revisions to "A Birder's Guide to Southeastern Arizona" and "A Birder's Guide to Churchill" have recently become available. Forty percent of all sales made at DFO meetings are turned over to our treasury.

FLORIDA AUDUBON PROGRAM FOR INJURED RAPTORS

To assist a program to rehabilitate and care for injured and orphaned birds of prey, collect cancelled foreign and United States commemorative postage stamps, undamaged duck and state conservation stamps and old and foreign picture postal cards. For information about this Florida Audubon program, call Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947) who delivers these items personally.

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"LISTER'S CORNER"

With the advent of the "Thirty-sixth Supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list of North American Birds" in 1987, several new species have been added for North America (continental United States and Canada excluding Hawaii). They are as follows:

ORIENTAL PRATINCOLE - Glareola maldivarum
LITTLE CURLEW - Numenius minutus
GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER - Dendrocopos major
GRAY-BREASTED FLYCATCHER - Muscicapa dauurica
SIBERIAN BLUE ROBIN - Luscinia cyane
STONECHAT - Saxicola torquata
YELLOW-GREEN VIREO - Vireo flavoviridis
YUCATAN VIREO - Vireo magister
CRESCENT-CHESTED WARBLER - Parula superciliosa
FLAME-COLORED TANAGER - Piranga bidentata

Before you rush out to see these new species and tick them off, you will have to delete one from your Life List:

CAPE PETREL - Daption capense (This poor species has been relegated clear back to APPENDIX B of the A.O.U. Check-list where all the "Hypotheticals" reside).

Following all this much to do about nothing, the status of the check lists appears as follows:

1. If you keep your Life List in accordance with A.O.U. standards, you may now count 862 species.
2. If you keep your Life List in accordance with the latest A.B.A. Check List (Third Edition, 1986) you are allowed to count only 858 birds.

For those of you who are avid "Listers" and can't decide which Check List you should use, the differences between the A.O.U. and A.B.A. Check Lists are;

COUNTABLE BY A.O.U. BUT NOT A.B.A.

GREAT FRIGATEBIRD
LESSER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE
BAND-TAILED GULL
ROSE-WINGED PARAKEET
MONK PARAKEET
RUFOS-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD
GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER
EURASIAN BLACKBIRD
YELLOW-GREEN VIREO
WORTHEN'S SPARROW
COMMON CHAFFINCH
EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH

COUNTABLE BY A.B.A. BUT NOT A.O.U.

BLACK-BROWED ALBATROSS
STEJNEGER'S PETREL
BLACK-TAILED GULL
LARGE-BILLED TERN
CUBAN EMERALD
GREENISH ELAENIA
CARIBBEAN ELAENIA
THICK-BILLED VIREO

If you already have all of these species, don't despair. The A.O.U. Check-list Committee may come to your rescue when the 37th Supplement appears in a year or two. The Committee is frantically reviewing data to:

1. Revise heron relationships and taxonomy.
2. Determine the taxonomy and status of exotic populations of Streptopelia doves in North America.
3. Recognize genus Philohudor for Pitangus lictor.

"LISTER'S CORNER" (continued)

4. Split Parus bicolor and Parus atricristatus.
5. Split Polioptila melanura and Polioptila californica.
6. Split Anthus rubescens and Anthus spinoletta.
7. Assign A.O.U. numbers possibly to the following species: Cairina moschata, Aratinga holochlora, Ciccaba virgata, Molothrus bonariensis.

If you haven't yet ticked off any of the above mentioned birds, now is a good time to do so and be the first on your block to get a jump on the A.O.U. Check-list Committee. Good Listing!

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 1988

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED! If you would like to lead a Field Trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Ruth Breckon (455-0970) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). The DFO is the only organization in the United States that schedules and conducts Field Trips every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year. We need Field Trip Leaders to keep the tradition going strong.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

CARPPOOLING URGED ON FIELD TRIPS: All Denver Field Ornithologists are urged to carpool wherever possible when going on Field Trips to help conserve energy. If you contemplate going on any of the scheduled Field Trips listed below, please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for carpooling.

SUGGESTIONS TO LEADERS: Take initiative in arranging for carpooling. Be sure the drivers know the route to be taken so no one gets lost. Arrange a rest stop by noon. Make an attempt to see that all members of the group see the birds observed. Obtain some copies of the "Denver Field Ornithologists--Membership Information" handout sheet to give to prospective new members joining your Field Trip. Call Alan Hay (Tel. 422-0239) to obtain copies.

PLEASE CALL THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT AT 423-5582 BEFORE GOING ON A FIELD TRIP TO DETERMINE IF THERE HAVE BEEN ANY LAST MINUTE CHANGES IN SCHEDULING.

APRIL 2, Saturday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at Prospect Park, West 44th Avenue near Robb Street at 6:30 AM. Lunch optional.

3, EASTER SUNDAY. No Trip!

9, Saturday. BEAR CREEK-PLAINS TO FOOTHILLS. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 7:30 A.M. MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest section near Sheridan Blvd. at Hampden Avenue (U.S. Hwy. 285). *

10, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Walt Bull (751-1032). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at the Museum of Natural History at the east end of the north parking lot. *

16, Saturday. DANIELS PARK, CHEROKEE & HIGHLAND RANCHES. Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Albertson's, northwest corner of South Broadway and County Line Road. *

APRIL 17, Sunday. NORTHEASTERN COLORADO: PREWITT RESERVOIR, MUIR SPRINGS PARK & JACKSON RESERVOIR. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History, east end of the north parking lot at 6:00 A.M. This will be a long day with expected arrival time back at the museum between 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. *

23&24, Saturday & Sunday. HAYDEN AREA (for strutting Sharp-tailed Grouse and Sage Grouse). Leaders: For DFO: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809); For Colorado Division of Wildlife: James Haskins.

Saturday morning: Travel to area with afternoon birding. Spend night at Super 8 Motel in Steamboat Springs (Tel. 1-879-5230) on U.S. Hwy. 40.

Sunday morning: Travel to Hayden before sunrise (20 miles) to view grouse then birding in the area (should see Sandhill Cranes) then return to Denver in the afternoon.

Register with Kathy Hawkins if you are planning to go on this trip (or with Ruth Wheeler-455-3924).

This will be a very interesting trip and the grouse should be guaranteed. Your Editor and Harold Holt made this trip last year and had superb views of both species of grouse on their strutting grounds.

24, Sunday. CHATFIELD SRA. Leaders: Joey Kellner (988-5961) and Brenda Cockrell (989-9018). Meet at 7:15 A.M. at Park-'n-Ride on South Wadsworth south of Hampden Avenue (U.S. Hwy. 285). *

30, Saturday. SEDALIA, PLUM CREEK & CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Safeway, northwest corner of South Logan and Hampden Avenue (U.S. Hwy. 285) *

*BRING LUNCH

SUBMITTED BY: Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

Field Trip Coordinators

TUESDAY BIRDERS: You are welcome to join a group of birders on each Tuesday of the month. Call Ann Bonnell (979-6211) for details.

BREEDING BIRD ATLAS UPDATE

Join the Breeding Bird Atlas! In 1987 field workers found 220 of Colorado's 260 breeding species during atlas activities last summer and confirmed breeding for 180 of those species.

Field workers worked 220 of our 1800 priority blocks, and they completed field work in a quarter of those. In 1987 they found the second Colorado nesting site for Black Phoebe and the third for Purple Martins.

In the Denver area, field worker David Gulbenkian found 64 species at Ralston Buttes, Warren Finch found 58 at Morrison, and Jean Maguire found 46 in the Englewood block--quite a good variety for the city, although not as fruitful as the Boulder block.

In that one, which includes most of residential and downtown Boulder, Steve Jones found 84 species. Further afield, Phil Hayes found 54 species (including Eastern Bluebirds) at Beecher Island NW (on the Kansas line), Virginia Bleck located 42 species at Bennett, and Mary Jane Schock found 48 in the Parker block.

Jerry Besser had the best record at confirming species; he confirmed (by finding nests, young birds, or adults carrying food) 67% of the 30 species he located in the Byers SW map.

Atlas director Hugh Kingery censused blocks from Bonny Res. on the Kansas line to Loveland Pass to the Ute Reservation south of Mesa Verde. Bonny produced 62 species (including Red-headed and Red-bellied Woodpeckers), and Sentinel Peak SW (on the Ute Reservation) had a Great-tailed Grackle nest, one of the few locations in the state for that spreading species--but Jack Merchant and Ruby Ebright found them nesting in Eagle and Salida.

Already in 1988, atlas workers have confirmed four species: Great Horned Owls on their nests, and nests from last year found of Northern Oriole, Cliff Swallow, and Red-tailed Hawk.

The Atlas, a massive, five-year, research project using amateur bird watchers in the state, will provide important data for wildlife management, environmental planning, and bird distribution in Colorado. Through it birders can make a constructive contribution to environmental knowledge through their hobby, and have fun as well. Atlas work offers a whole new dimension to bird watching.

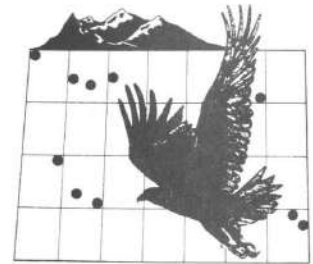
Field workers study the birds in blocks three miles on a side, one in each Colorado topographic map. They identify the breeding birds, the habitats they use, and their abundance. By watching how the birds behave, field workers report on their status in the block. Completing field work in one block takes from 10-40 hours of field time, spotted during the main part of the breeding season.

To direct the Atlas, Colorado birders formed the Colorado Bird Atlas Partnership. It has received logistical and financial support from D.F.O. and various Audubon societies, the Colorado Field Ornithologists, several federal and state agencies, and the Denver Museum of Natural History, and from lots of interested bird watchers.

The Atlas needs help from D.F.O. members both as field workers and by making financial contributions. To get involved, contact Hugh Kingery (Home phone 333-0161), Zoology Dept., Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd, Denver 80205, or a Denver-area Regional Coordinator:

Dave Martin (plains; 422-9143), or

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BIRD ATLAS

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS -- Membership Information

WELCOME to the D.F.O.

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December), 7:30 p.m. at the Denver Museum of Natural History West Auditorium. Date and time reported on Rare Bird Alert 423-5582. These meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in different sections of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring your lunch and wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile per car divided by number of passengers including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, The Lark Bunting, is issued monthly listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on previous month's trips is given in check-list order as well as many of the interesting sightings reported by members.

D. F. O. RARE BIRD ALERT: (303)423-5582

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR
DECEMBER, AT 7:30 P.M., DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: MAY 4, 1988

PROGRAM: "Birds of West Africa" with Michael Carter.

PLEASE NOTE: We will meet in the "VIP" Room instead of the West
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MARCH 1988 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- MARCH 5, Saturday. Reynolds Park and North Fork of the South Platte River (RP). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Susan & Thompson Marsh, Eileen Maguire, Jean Maguire, Dick Pautsch, Dick Pratt, Aaron Sell, Don Spencer, Mort Staatz, Joe TenBrink. (Partly cloudy; Wind, mostly calm; 25°-40°). 20 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (24 species, 163 individuals).
- 6, Sunday. Waterton, McLellan Reservoir and Lower Deer Creek Canyon (WTMCLDC). Leaders: Harold & Betty Oliver. Observers: Marta Deutman, Jan Justice, Randy Lentz, Ester Shobe. (Clear; Wind, S 0-15 MPH; 32°-63°). 32 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. 8 hours birding. (42 species, 2565 individuals).
- 6, Sunday. Northeastern Colorado: Prospect Valley, Wiggins, Muir Springs Park, "Narrows" at South Platte River, Bijou Reservoir, Jackson Reservoir, Latham Reservoir, Veteran's Park at Brighton, Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (NECO). Observer: Jack Reddall.

- MARCH 6, (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, SW to SE 5-10 MPH; 30°-58°). 260 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 12 hours birding. (50 species, 12,050 individuals).
- 12, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park (BAR). Leader: Mike Carter. Observers: Mike & Rose Barber, Ruth Breckon, Dave & Sarah Christian, Tom Lotz, Paul Lotz, Aaron Sells, Mort Staatz, Joe TenBrink, Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast; Wind, 10-20 MPH; 32°). 3 miles on foot. 3 hours birding. (35 species, 1466 individuals).
- 13, Sunday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WGB). Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Warren Finch, Bonnie Hay, Dee Hay, Joe TenBrink, Tom & Else Van Erp. (Overcast; Wind, light; 20°). 2.5 miles on foot. 3 hours birding. (34 species, 710 individuals).
- 15, Tuesday. Cherry Creek Village & Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCR). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy; Wind, NW 5-10 MPH; 25°-39°). 49 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 10.5 hours birding. (49 species, 1189 individuals).
- 19, Saturday. Chatfield SRA (CRA). Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Bob & Helen Geick, Alan & Dee Hay, Bonnie Hay, Phil Hayes, Thompson Marsh, Jack Reddall, Mary Jane Schock, Joe TenBrink, Virgil Williams. (Mostly clear; Wind, SW 10-15 MPH shifting to N 15-20 MPH; 31°-65°). 46 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 8.5 hours birding. (41 species, 1803 individuals).
- 19&20, Saturday & Sunday. Sandhill Crane Trip: Denver to North Platte, Nebraska area with stops in Colorado along the way including Red Lion SWA and Jumbo Reservoir (CRANE). Leader: Bill Brockner. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Dave Balogh, Virginia Bleck, Sylvia Brockner, Dave & Sarah Christian, Ruth Wheeler plus 20 additional observers from the Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society. (Clear; Wind, strong gusts at times). 683 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. (38 species, 47,220 individuals).
- 26, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCK). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Phil Hayes, Hazel Kellogg, Dan Laszlo, Thompson Marsh, Jack Reddall, Mary Jane Schock, Bob & Shirley Spencer, Virgil Williams. (Clear; 36°-70°). 17 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 6 hours birding. (55 species, 1431 individuals).
- 26, Saturday. Southeastern Colorado: Arkansas River, south side from Holly to Granada in A.M. and north side from Granada to Holly in P.M. (SECO). Observer: Dan Bridges. (Clear; Wind, 0-25 MPH; 30°-65°). 23 miles on foot. 11 hours birding. (46 species, 1040 individuals).
- 27, Sunday. Southcentral Colorado: Denver to Pueblo via I-25, Burnt Mill Road & Crow Cutoff to Colorado City; Greenhorn Park; Pueblo Nature Center and Pueblo River Greenway (Arkansas River); return via Hanna Ranch (SCC). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: John Bregar, Bobby DeMuth, Virginia Elder, Norm Erthal, Warren Finch, Bill Fink, Richard Hale, Kathy Hawkins, Alan Hay, Randy Lentz, Dorothy Reddall, Aaron Sell, Mort Staatz, Pat Stevens, Bob Spencer, Linda Vidal, Louise Wilson, Rob Wilson. (Mostly clear, blowing dust; Wind, WSW 10-25 MPH gusting to 40+ MPH; 39°-85°). 315 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 13 hours birding. (59 species, 947 individuals).

MARCH 1988 FIELD TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 111 species of birds were reported during the month of March from a combination of 8 scheduled and 3 individual field trips. Last year in March 119 species were found on 8 scheduled and 4 individual field trips. The

spring migration has been relatively slow to find its way to Colorado due primarily to the lingering snow cover and ice-bound lakes and reservoirs. Cherry Creek Reservoir, for example, did not become ice-free until the 24th of the month, almost three weeks later than normal. Nevertheless, some interesting birds did turn up. The season's first Common Loon was reported by the March 26th field trip to Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA. Horned Grebes were returning sporadically all month where open water occurred. Twenty Great Blue Herons were observed at the Chatfield Reservoir SRA "Heron Rookery" making initial preparations to resume nesting on March 19th. However, the reservoir remained locked in ice and no Double-crested Cormorants were to be seen (they appeared about a week later following the breakup of the ice). The overnight field trip to North Platte, Nebraska on March 19 & 20, found 10,500 Snow Geese (plus one "Blue" morph) at Jumbo Reservoir in extreme northeastern Colorado. Ducks continued to be counted in fair numbers due to the frozen ponds, lakes and reservoirs. Thirteen Wood Ducks were counted on the 27th along the Pueblo River Greenway. The first Blue-winged Teal (a pair) were reported at Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA on the 26th and Cinnamon Teal were returning in small numbers. The two Greater Scaups wintering at Prospect Lake in the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt were seen again on March 13. A huge winter fish kill at Jackson Reservoir near Fort Morgan attracted a large number of Bald Eagles with over 50 counted there on March 6. Buteos continued to be quite sparse on eastern high plains as they have been all winter. A single Merlin and the only one reported during the entire month was spotted on the 12th at Barr Lake State Park. Unquestionably the high point of the April 27th field trip to the Pueblo area occurred when observer Alan Hay directed the group of 19 observers to a small rock garden along U.S. Hwy. 50 about one-half mile west of I-25 to see Scaled Quail. As the entire group guffawed at the remote possibility of finding these hard to see quail in an area only 25 yards square right in the middle of a bustling business district, Alan calmly walked over to a small growth of low evergreens and to everyone's amazement 30 Scaled Quail exploded out of the brush in every direction! Many of them only flew a short distance and everyone succeeded in getting great looks at these usually secretive birds. No one is laughing now, Al! The group traveling to the North Platte, Nebraska area succeeded in counting up to 36,000 Sandhill Cranes along the Platte River (but no "Whoopers" were spotted). No migrating shorebirds (except for a few Killdeer) were reported on any of the month's field trips due to the ice and snow. However, the annual wintering Greater Yellowlegs (5th year in a row) was still present along Clear Creek in the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt and seen on March 13th. California Gulls returned to the Denver area with two seen on the 15th at Cherry Creek Reservoir and 200 more on the 26th at the same location. Two first winter Glaucous Gulls were found at Cherry Reservoir also on the 26th along with an immature Thayer's Gull. The resident and usually cooperative Eastern Screech-Owl at the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt was located again on March 13. Several Great Horned Owls were observed sitting on nests at various spots in the Denver area as well as in northeastern Colorado during the month. And the best bird of the day on the March 26th field trip to Cherry Creey Creek Reservoir SRA was a single Short-eared Owl being pursued by a Black-billed Magpie and an American Crow. The owl circled overhead for a good five minutes before gaining altitude and sailing away to the northwest. This is the first reported sighting of this species in more than three years at the Cherry Creek Reservoir area where they once wintered in numbers of 20 to 25. High use by the public in recent years and disturbance from dogs running loose in the park have driven these diurnal owls elsewhere (this species may be getting in trouble from other sources also). A Chihuahuan Raven was carefully observed (and heard) on the 26th as it walked along on the superstructure supporting the Pueblo Blvd. bridge over the Arkansas River about one mile downstream from the Pueblo Nature Center. Four Yellow-rumped Warblers (most probably "Audubon's" race) were seen on March 27 along the Pueblo River Greenway

where they winter most years in scattered numbers. The first Lark Bunting (a female) was reported along the Arkansas River in Prowers County on March 26. Fifteen McCown's Longspurs were seen in the same general area on the same date along with a single Brown-headed Cowbird.

MARCH 1988	5	6	6	12	13	15	19	19&20	26	26	27
AREA COVERED	RP	WTMCLDC	NECO	BAR	WGB	CCK	CRA	CRANE	CCK	SECO	SCC
LIFE ZONES VISITED	MT	PLNS	FH	PLNS	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLAIN	PLN	PLNS	P/F
Common Loon									1		1
Pied-billed Grebe						1			3		
Horned Grebe		2		1		3			1		
Western Grebe							20		2	4	9
Great Blue Heron					2				1ad		
Black-crowned Night-Heron											
Snow Goose											
"White" morph								10500		3	1ad
"Blue" morph								1			
Brant ("nigricans" group)			1ad								
Canada Goose		46		4200	205	62	60	110	140	70	4
Wood Duck			1ma		1ma						13
Green-winged Teal		4	35	12	18	100	100	5	200	25	10
Mallard		22	2500	45	144	60	40	112	150	250	20
Northern Pintail		38	350	340		45	300	150	40	20	
Blue-winged Teal									1pr	3	
Cinnamon Teal			4m4f			10			6	1	
Northern Shoveler			10		13	6		3	25	6	1pr
Gadwall		3	10	19	4	50	15	6	130	8	50
American Wigeon		10	5		15	4	3		40	50	
Canvasback		9	1m1f			30			1ma		
Redhead		1945		100	42	176	20	850	24	55	1
Ring-necked Duck		32				3		10	10	20	5
Greater Scaup						2					8
Lesser Scaup			15	6	50	20	65	4	75	5fe	4
Common Goldeneye		12	35	12	15	1ma	1fe	12			
Bufflehead				4			18	2	3		
Hooded Merganser		5									
Common Merganser		170		800	26	300	20		25		
Ruddy Duck						3			1pr		15
Turkey Vulture											1
Bald Eagle	1a		57	2aN		1im		4			
Northern Harrier			1m4f			4	1pr		3	1m5f	2fe
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1ad			1ad			1ad		
Cooper's Hawk			1ad			1ad				2	
Red-tailed Hawk				1				2			
"Western" races	4	4	1	5		2	4		2	7	18
"Harlan's" race						1			1		
Ferruginous Hawk			1ad			2		3	1ad		
Rough-legged Hawk		1	1	1				4			
Golden Eagle	3		3ad					1			
American Kestrel		3	1	2		1	2	4	2	2	10
Merlin					1						
Prairie Falcon			1				1				1
Ring-necked Pheasant			1ma				1-H		6ma	30	
Northern Bobwhite										5	
Scaled Quail											30
Virginia Rail									1-H		
American Coot		8		10	1	15	5	2	10	2	15
Sandhill Crane								36000			

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LIFE ZONES VISITED	MT	PLNS	PLNS	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLAIN	PLN	PLNS	P/F	
Killdeer		1			1	1	2		1	2	14	2
Greater Yellowlegs						$\frac{1}{4}$						
Common Snipe				7			3			3		
Ring-billed Gull		4		300	22	45	50	15	10	75		
California Gull							2ad	7		200		
Herring Gull				50			75	1ad	4	50		
Thayer's Gull										1im		
Glaucous Gull										2im		
Rock Dove		3		50		30		3		2	6	40
Mourning Dove											35	4
Eastern Screech-Owl						1						
Great Horned Owl		3		6aN	1aN		3aN	3aN	1	2aN	6	
Short-eared Owl										1		4
Belted Kingfisher						2					1	25
Lewis' Woodpecker												
Downy Woodpecker		5	4		3	1				1fe	4	1-H
"Batchelder's" race								1fe				1ma
"Eastern" races				1m1f			2ma	1ma				1
Hairy Woodpecker		1									3	
Northern Flicker					1-H				6			
"Red-shafted" race	1	9	4	17		3	10	5		5	15	8
Say's Phoebe												5
Horned Lark		1		40			10	30	30		15	2
Tree Swallow										1		
Steller's Jay	8		23									1
Blue Jay			3	4	1							6
Scrub Jay		1	7									9
Black-billed Magpie	6	13	4	35	16	30	40	25	10	30	45	65
American Crow	6	5	2	2			4	15	6	2	25	18
Chihuahuan Raven												1
Common Raven	7	1							2	2		2
Black-capped Chickadee	13	11	14	9	8	12	7	15		4	2	4
Mountain Chickadee	7											2
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1											
White-breasted Nuthatch	1		11					1				2
Pygmy Nuthatch	22											
Brown Creeper	3				8	2		1				1
Bewick's Wren											4	3
Marsh Wren							1					
American Dipper	4	1				1		1				
Mountain Bluebird					3			10				10
Townsend's Solitaire	10	1	7				1			1		6
American Robin	6	3	8	15	1	3	35	5	10	25	20	125
Sage Thrasher											6	2
Cedar Waxwing												
Northern Shrike							1ad		1			
European Starling	13	34	5	200	16	25	55	55	?	60	50	150
Yellow-rumped Warbler												3
"Audubon's" race												1
Northern Cardinal (Neb.)									1			
Rufous-sided Towhee			4									
"Spotted" races												3
American Tree Sparrow				2	43		3	10		2		
Lark Bunting											1fe	

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LIFE ZONES VISITED	MT	PLNS	PLNS	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLAIN	PLN	PLNS	P/F
Song Sparrow			5	7	8	5	3	2	8	2	1
White-crowned Sparrow										110	15
"Gambel's" race			35								
Dark-eyed Junco				32							
"Slate-colored" race			1		1	1	1		1		
"Oregon" race	11	5	12	3		10	4	6		60	15
"Gray-headed" race	1	3	12								4
McCown's Longspur										15	
Red-winged Blackbird	4	5	2	2750	556	15	80	25	100	60	75
Western Meadowlark				50	2		3	2	25	20	50
Yellow-headed Blackbird					3						
Common Grackle									1	12	3
Brown-headed Cowbird										1	
Cassin's Finch	3										
House Finch			15			20		4			20
Red Crossbill	4										
Pine Siskin	16		14								20
American Goldfinch			15		3	5				30	8
Evening Grosbeak			3								35
House Sparrow	8		275	24	2	25		4		3	25
TOTAL SPECIES-111	24		42	50	35	34	49	41	38	55	59

ABBREVIATIONS & NOTES: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i;
 Pair=pr; Immature Male=ima; Immature Female=ife;
 Heard Only=H; Nesting Observed=N; Plains=PLAIN, PLNS,
 PLN, P; Foothills=FH, F; Mountains=MT.

ADDITIONAL MARCH 1988 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

Snow Goose 3-11 (5000 "White" morphs) east of Queens Reservoir on May Valley Road, Kiowa Co. (DB); 3-25 (6000 "White" morphs) Nee-Noshe & Nee-So-Pah Reservoirs, Kiowa Co. (DB).

Brant 3-1 through 3-11 (1 adult-"nigricans" group) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JM, several others).

Bald Eagle 3-13 (1 adult, 2 immatures) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (AS).

Greater Yellowlegs 3-5 (1) South Platte River between Crook and Proctor, Logan Co. (DB).

Glaucous Gull 3-11 (1 immature-3rd year) Walden Ponds, Boulder Co.-good written details provided (BC, JK).

Great Black-backed Gull 3-12 (1 immature-1st winter) Walden Ponds, Boulder Co. (BB, AH, DH, DS, DW). Good written details submitted (DS).

Long-eared Owl 3-19 (1) south side of South Platte River 3 miles upstream from Sedgwick, Sedgwick Co. (DB).

Boreal Owl 3-6 (heard calling at four locations from 8:20 P.M. to 9:15 P.M.) Gould to Jack Wright Reservoir, Larimer Co. (BG); 3-27 (4 individuals heard calling while checking 10 locations) Gould to Cameron Pass, Larimer Co. (BG).

Red-bellied Woodpecker 3-5 (1) north side of South Platte River, 3/4 mile upstream from Crook, Logan Co. (DB).

Eastern Bluebird 3-13 (1) Arkansas River downstream from Lamar, Prowers Co. (DB).

Mountain Bluebird 3-13 (4) Arkansas River downstream from Lamar, Prowers Co. (DB). Note: The Eastern Bluebird was not with the Mountain Bluebirds.

Sage Thrasher 3-12 (1) Arkansas River upstream from Carlton, Prowers Co. (DB).

Brown Thrasher All month (all winter) backyard feeder, 4450 S. Alton St., Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe Co. (DR, JR).

Lincoln's Sparrow 3-31 (1) backyard feeder in snowstorm, 4450 S. Alton St., Cherry Creek Village, Arapahoe Co. (DR, JR).

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"TUESDAY BIRDERS" (Field Trip Summaries) compiled by Monna Krebs:

MARCH 1, BUCKLEY ROAD EAST OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL, BARR LAKE PERIFERY, MILE HIGH DUCK CLUB, BANNER LAKES, PROSPECT RESERVOIR, HORSECREEK RESERVOIR TO WATKINS. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 32.

Canada Goose-114, Green-winged Teal-4, Mallard-27, Northern Pintail-79, Northern Shoveler-10, American Wigeon-2, Canvasback-3, Redhead-2, Lesser Scaup-4, Common Merganser-2, Bald Eagle-1 (on nest at Barr Lake), Northern Harrier-3, Red-tailed Hawk-4, Ferruginous Hawk-2, Rough-legged Hawk-3, American Kestrel-2, American Coot-2, Killdeer-2, Ring-billed Gull-190, Gull sp.-3, Northern Flicker-1, Horned Lark-17, Black-billed Magpie-15, American Robin-1, Northern Shrike-1, European Starling-31, Song Sparrow-2, Red-winged Blackbird-30, Western Meadowlark-3, Brewer's Blackbird-5, House Sparrow-16. (30 species, 581 individuals).

MARCH 8, JEFFERSON COUNTY CONF. & NATURE CENTER. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 27.

Hairy Woodpecker-4, Steller's Jay-9, American Crow-1, Mountain Chickadee-9, White-breasted Nuthatch-4, Pygmy Nuthatch-7, Brown Creeper-5, Townsend's Solitaire-3, Dark-eyed Junco-6, Pine Siskin-1. (10 species, 49 individuals).

MARCH 15, SOUTH PLATTE PARK. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 29.

Horned Grebe-8, Eared Grebe-1 (very early, no details-ED), Great Blue Heron-6, Canada Goose-33, Green-winged Teal-2, Mallard-18, Northern Pintail-8, Gadwall-10, American Wigeon-11, Canvasback-16, Redhead-50, Ring-necked Duck-7, Lesser Scaup-4, Common Goldeneye-4, Bufflehead-5, Hooded Merganser-5, Common Merganser-32, Red-breasted Merganser-2, Red-tailed Hawk-1, American Kestrel-2, American Coot-2, Killdeer-1, Ring-billed Gull-18, Northern Flicker-5, Black-billed Magpie-3, Black-capped Chickadee-2, American Robin-1, European Starling-1, American Tree Sparrow-1, Song Sparrow-1, Red-winged Blackbird-2, American Goldfinch-2, House Sparrow-2. (33 species, 266 individuals).

MARCH 22, WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 21.

Canada Goose-80, Greylag Goose-4 (never reported in North America! No details. Escape?), Green-winged Teal-4, Mallard-76, Northern Shoveler-10, Gadwall-12, American Wigeon-16, Redhead-10, Lesser Scaup-32, Common Goldeneye-4, Ruddy Duck-4, American Coot-14, Common Snipe-1, Ring-billed Gull-18, Eastern Screech-Owl-1, Belted Kingfisher-1 male going into nest hole, 3 others, Downy Woodpecker-3, Northern Flicker-12, Black-billed Magpie-19, American Crow-1, Black-capped Chickadee-4, American Robin-7, European Starling-14, Song Sparrow-1, Dark-eyed Junco-4, Red-winged Blackbird-22, House Finch-2, House Sparrow-12. (28 species, 391 individuals).

MARCH 29, CHATFIELD ARBORETUM. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 22.

Canada Goose-32, Green-winged Teal-36, Mallard-14, Cinnamon Teal-3, Northern Shoveler-2, Gadwall-5, Redhead-100, Ring-necked Duck-8, Lesser Scaup-1, Common Goldeneye-3, Cooper's Hawk-1, Red-tailed Hawk-2, Rough-legged Hawk-1, Golden Eagle-2, American Kestrel-4, American Coot-3, Killdeer-3, Great Horned

Owl-1, Downy Woodpecker-2, Northern Flicker-8, Black-billed Magpie-17, American Crow-5, Black-capped Chickadee-12, Mountain Bluebird-125, American Robin-28, European Starling-15, Savannah Sparrow-2, Song Sparrow-1 (heard only), Dark-eyed Junco-4, Red-winged Blackbird-83, Western Meadowlark-4, Common Grackle-1. (32 species, 528 individuals).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

PURCHASING "A BIRDER'S GUIDE" SERIES BOOKS

Be sure and purchase your copies of the "Birder's Guide" series (Lane and Holt) at regular monthly meetings of the Denver Field Ornithologists. The new "A Birder's Guide to Colorado" is now available and covers the entire state. New revisions to "A Birder's Guide to Southeastern Arizona" and "A Birder's Guide to Churchill" have recently become available. Forty percent of all sales made at DFO meetings are turned over to our treasury.

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' SCRAP BOOK

Kathy Hawkins has taken over responsibility for maintenance of the DFO Scrap Book. If you have any items that you would like to donate to the scrap book, please submit them to Kathy at 6860-D East Mississippi Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80224. Tel. 757-0809.

CALLING ALL BIRD FEEDER WATCHERS!

Have you ever wondered where the birds at your feeder come from, where they go when they leave, and why bird numbers change from year to year? Do you want to know what birds come to feeders in different parts of North America? Project FeederWatch is a new continentwide survey of bird feeders designed to help answer questions such as these, and you are invited to join.

Project FeederWatch is a cooperative research venture of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and Canada's Long Point Bird Observatory, and is in the midst of a successful pilot year with 4,000 participants from all across North America. The project is modelled on a survey run successfully in Ontario for the past 11 years, which has shown that male Evening Grosbeaks winter farther south than females, Black-capped Chickadees are found in low numbers when Evening Grosbeaks are abundant, and numbers of many species at feeders parallel those found on Christmas Bird Counts.

Sound interesting? Project FeederWatch needs thousands of additional observers across the continent to help answer questions about feeder birds on a broad geographic scale. You need not be an expert birder to take part--the project concentrates on common species, and baffling rarities can be ignored. Although counts are made over a one- to two-day period of your choice every other week from November through March, you are not obliged to watch every time, nor must you watch continuously on count days. All observations are recorded on computer-readable forms so that detailed summaries can be provided to participants promptly each season and to insure that the data are readily available for further analyses.

In return for your observations, Project FeederWatch will send you an annual newsletter and report on the season's results, plus 2 issues of "Birdscope", the Laboratory of Ornithology's research newsletter. If you can't take part but would like to receive these publications anyway, you may subscribe to them separately.

Project FeederWatch requires an annual registration fee of \$9, which helps to pay for data forms, analysis and preparation and mailing of reports and newsletters. To join, write to Erica Dunn, Coordinator, Project FeederWatch, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, Sapsucker Woods, Ithaca, NY 14850. Include your name and address, state whether you wish to contribute observations from your feeder or just receive reports, and enclose your check for \$9 (made payable to 'Project FeederWatch'). Please sign up right away, to help them plan how many forms to print and to avoid mailing delays. You will receive all materials and instructions just before the season begins in mid-November, 1988. Help make Project FeederWatch a truly continental survey by representing our state!

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY 1988

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List (1983, 1985 & 1987) order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111. PLEASE NOTE: Submitting Field Trip summaries in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List order saves the Editor considerable time and trouble since his worksheets are laid out in this manner. There are several Field Check-Lists currently in circulation, some of which are out-of-date. Field Trip Leaders are requested to use "The Field Check-List of Birds of Eastern Colorado" (10-82) to compile and submit results of their Field Trips. This Check-List can be obtained at regular monthly meetings of the DFO (free to Leaders).
2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered by car and on foot and duration of the trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "Color Morphs" (e.g., Snow Goose-"White Morph" vs. "Blue Morph") and/or subspecies (e.g., Northern Oriole-"Baltimore" race vs. "Bullock's" race) with your summary.
4. On Field Trips where more than one Life Zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species found in each Life Zone (e.g., Plains, Foothills, Mountains, Alpine).
5. Individual Field Trips are acceptable and will be published along with the results of regularly scheduled DFO Field Trips depending upon space and interest.
6. Deadline for receipt of all Field Trip Reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the Monthly Summaries.
7. Please notify the Editor (Jack Reddall - Tel. 771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

PLEASE CALL THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT AT 423-5582 BEFORE GOING ON A FIELD TRIP TO DETERMINE IF THERE HAVE BEEN ANY LAST MINUTE CHANGES IN SCHEDULING.

- MAY 1, Sunday. BOULDER AREA. Leader: Norm Erthal (424-6747). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, West 38th and Wadsworth Blvd. Park in the street east of the parking lot, south of the church or meet at 7:45 A.M. at Basemar Shopping Center at the southeast corner of Baseline Road and Broadway (Colo. Hwy. 93) in Boulder. *
- 7, Saturday. RIGLI RANCH. Leader: Joe Rigli. Coordinator: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History in the North Parking Lot at 7:00 A.M. or at the Pepperpod Restaurant in Hudson (I-76) at 7:45 A.M. *
- 8, Sunday. WATERTON AREA. Leader: David Gulbenkian (238-2806). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest section near the Burlington Coat Factory) at South Sheridan Blvd. north of Hampden Avenue (U.S. Hwy. 285). $\frac{1}{2}$ -day trip.

MAY 1988 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE (continued):

15&16, Saturday & Sunday. 1988 ANNUAL SPRING COUNT. Coordinator: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Compiler: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809).

MAY 14, SATURDAY.

WATERTON. Leader: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Meet at 6 A.M. at the Park-n-Ride, southwest quadrant, U.S. Hwy. 285 (Hampden Avenue) and South Wadsworth Blvd. *

CHATFIELD SRA. Leader: Phil Hayes (232-7421). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at main entrance to park (west side off Colo. Hwy. 75). *

BEAR CREEK LAKE PARK. Leader: Mary Jane Schock (922-3144). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest section near the Burlington Coat Factory) at South Sheridan Blvd. north of Hampden Avenue (U.S. Hwy. 285). *

MAY 15, SUNDAY.

BARR LAKE PERIFERY. Leader: Walt Bull (751-1032). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at Picadilly Road and Bromley Lane. *

BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 6:00 A.M. at the Barr Lake State Park entrance station. This is a strenuous all day 10 mile hike around the lake. *

CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SRA. Leader: Bob Righter (692-8529). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at entrance station at west gate near the Cherry Creek High School. *

CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK. Leader: Randy Lentz (777-7101). Call Leader for details on on meeting time and place.

21, Saturday. HIGHLINE CANAL & DANIELS PARK AREA. Leader: Lynn Willcockson (757-7000). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Safeway Parking Lot, South Logan and Hampden Avenue (U.S. Hwy. 285). *

21&22, Saturday & Sunday. BONNY RESERVOIR. Leader: Bob Righter (692-8529). Meet Leader at Foster Grove Campground on the north side of the reservoir at 8:45 A.M. on Saturday if driving from Denver on Saturday morning or at 6:45 A.M. if arriving on Friday evening. Carpool at the Denver Museum of Natural History at 5:30 A.M. on Saturday from the north parking lot. Camp at Bonny Reservoir or stay at motel in Idalia (Prairie Vista Motel - 1-354-7237). It could be wet. Bring appropriate footwear and food. Contact Leader before May 19 if you plan on going.

28, Saturday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Diane Mullineaux (237-5794). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Prospect Park off West 44th Avenue, west of Kipling near Robb. *

28-30, Saturday through Monday. COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' CONVENTION (Lamar Community College, Lamer, Colorado). For more information call Peter Gent (494-1750)

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SUBMITTED BY: Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
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FIELD TRIP COORDINATORS

TUESDAY BIRDERS. You are welcome to join a group of birders on each Tuesday of the month. Call Ann Bonnell (979-6211) for details.

LARK BUNTING SUPPLEMENT
Compiled by Jack Reddall

DFO FIELD TRIPS FOR 1987 SUMMARIZED

Listed below is a summary of all of the birds seen on each of the scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' field trips for the year 1987. These statistics do not include the Spring and Fall Counts, the Christmas Bird Count or the field trips reported by individual observers. This summary is not intended to be a scientific endeavor, but is merely an informational exercise. DFO field trips are not usually designed to achieve statistical or scientific results, but rather to offer the best opportunities to see the greatest variety of interesting species throughout the year. For example, mid-summer field trips generally are scheduled to visit montane habitats, often neglecting the eastern high plains entirely. The summary does however provide a good cross-section of the species one can normally expect to see during any given month depending of course where the field trips are scheduled to go.

In 1987, the DFO conducted 95 scheduled field trips that were participated in by 1042 people including the leaders. A total of 7128 miles were reported driven by car and a total of 252.0 miles were walked on foot on these field trips. These were not the entire distances covered as leaders failed to report total miles covered on four of the 1987 field trips. In addition, over 672 hours were expended looking for birds (leaders failed to report the number of hours spent birding on six field trips). Thus the average DFO field trip for 1987 lasted approximately seven hours, covered roughly 78 miles (75 by car, 3 on foot) and was participated in by 11.0 leaders and observers. The 95 field trips recorded a total of 284 species of birds during 1987 up considerably from 261 reported in 1986. Among this total were a number of rare and unusual species: Tricolored Heron at Lake Meredith in September, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron at Denver City Park in May, Greater Scaup at the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt in January, Surf Scoter and White-winged Scoters at Hamilton Reservoir in November, six Whooping Cranes at the Monte Vista NWR in October, Buff-breasted Sandpiper at Jackson Reservoir in August, one adult and one immature Scissor-tailed Flycatcher along the Dry Cimarron River in extreme southeastern Baca County in September, a male Blackburnian Warbler in the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt in June and an immature Golden-crowned Sparrow at the Bear Creek Lake Park during January to mention a few.

MONTH	NUMBER OF FIELD TRIPS		MILES COVERED BY CAR		MILES COVERED ON FOOT		HOURS SPENT BIRDING		NUMBER OF OBSERVERS	
	1986	1987	1986	1987	1986	1987	1986	1987	1986	1987
January	8	9	163	467	19.5	20.0	49.50	51.00	92	76
February	6	8	157	264	13.5	25.8	33.00	53.00	54	76
March	9	8	589	564	19.5	21.5	51.50	54.00	136	76
April	8	7	445	735	21.5	23.0	58.25	59.50	89	86
May	7	6	614	555	19.0	22.0	53.00	31.00	90	106
June	12	12	393	763	34.5	35.7	67.50	86.50	85	137
July	12	10	509	655	24.0	17.5	64.00	71.00	152	77
August	9	10	1669	930	18.5	26.5	99.00	84.50	75	84
September	6	6	611	1128	17.5	18.5	45.25	65.00	45	100
October	6	9	323	657	12.5	25.5	38.50	59.00	53	132
November	10	8	358	360	18.5	11.5	60.00	41.75	105	70
December	2	2	41	50	3.0	4.5	8.00	16.00	10	22
TOTALS	95	95	5872	7128	221.5	252.0	627.50	672.25	986	1042
AVE./TRIP	xx	xx	61.8	75.0	2.3	2.7	6.60	7.10	10.4	11.0

1987	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Pacific Loon											2	
Common Loon											9	
Pied-billed Grebe	11		5	27			6	15	25	41	31	5
Horned Grebe	1	1	37	61				1	4	22	10	7
Eared Grebe			2	19		6	20	2	6	1	28	
Western Grebe	5		9	218	521	79	20	118	157	68	248	
Clark's Grebe				10	3	3	1	2	2			
Am. White Pelican				80	2	33	3	403	900	17	4	
Double-cr. Cormorant			6	218	179	496	7	353	58	76	6	7
American Bittern					1			1				
GREAT BLUE HERON	11	23	37	122	131	162	3	79	82	9	14	11
Great Egret					2	5		2	1			
Snowy Egret				15	9	1		10	7			
Tricolored Heron									$\frac{1}{2}$			
Cattle Egret				1				75	$\frac{1}{2}$			
Black-cr. Night-Heron	4			5	9	15	2	10	39	1	2	1
Yellow-cr Night-Heron					$\frac{1}{2}$							
White-faced Ibis				635	11	70		3	23			
Tundra Swan	1											
Snow Goose												
"White" morph									1			
CANADA GOOSE	8143	1662	445	86	113	348	544	230	119	701	20095	1696
Wood Duck	5	12	20	45	2	2		6		16	15	
GREEN-WINGED TEAL	81	100	43	769	20	13	3	110	325	124	60	3
MALLARD	1604	547	314	1190	324	163	71	171	814	667	9845	360
Northern Pintail	40	13	66	157	5	61	12	51	35	48	14	
Blue-winged Teal				44	62	24	3	120	148	16		
Cinnamon Teal			5	44	48	17	43	7				
Northern Shoveler	1409	128	29	2500	402	77		219	408	122	20	38
GADWALL	162	48	51	3721	202	13	24	15	307	305	85	37
American Wigeon	295	111	70	440	50		2		137	571	67	24
Canvasback	13	9	6	12	3					5	20	
Redhead	127	160	625	351	2	66		16	104	95	118	8
Ring-necked Duck	178	66	145	8		1	16		2	115	424	52
Greater Scaup	3											
Lesser Scaup	108	5	302	2372	153	10	29			15	20	5
Oldsquaw	3											
Surf Scoter											$\frac{1}{2}$	
White-winged Scoter											$\frac{1}{2}$	
Common Goldeneye	249	110	369	26						3	125	84
Bufflehead	51	17	2	64	11	7				20	283	5
Hooded Merganser	37	25	4			2				5	16	8
Common Merganser	1010	396	33	33	2	2		1		9	62	751
Red-br. Merganser	14			4								3
Ruddy Duck	2			547	100	20	22	9	23	25	48	
Turkey Vulture				6	25	5	12	12	18	2		
Osprey					4					1		
Mississippi Kite									2			
Bald Eagle	9	3	1	2							5	
NORTHERN HARRIER	3	3	1	8	2	1	1	6	9	15	7	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		1		1				1	2	1	
Cooper's Hawk					1		2		1			
Northern Goshawk	1								1			
Swainson's Hawk				12	7	10	9	33	47			
RED-TAILED HAWK	1	12	9	10	2		10	3	9	20	6	3
"WESTERN" races	31	4	33	3	2	7	5	4	2	14	1	2
"Harlan's" race			1								1	1
"Krider's" race										1		

1987	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Ferruginous Hawk	12	4	4					2	5	2	2	3
Rough-legged Hawk	3	5	1	1						8	3	
Golden Eagle	3	4	1	3	6		5	2	1	2	2	
AMERICAN KESTREL	30	9	32	27	21	26	9	42	40	14	24	4
Merlin	1											
Peregrine Falcon					1					1		
Prairie Falcon	4	2	2	2	1		2		4	3	2	
Ring-necked Pheasant	1	3	3	8	9	6		2	18	2	2	
Blue Grouse						1						
White-tail. Ptarmigan		12				1						
Gtr. Prairie-Chicken				18								
Wild Turkey				7					25			
Scaled Quail				13								
Gambel's Quail					6							
Virginia Rail		2	8	2		3		1	1		1	9
Sora					1	3	6	12		1		
AMERICAN COOT	364	261	105	574	301	30	102	437	764	1042	436	42
Sandhill Crane										6750		
Whooping Crane										6		
Black-bellied Plover									1			
Snowy Plover				1					1			
Semipalmated Plover				7	1			2	3			
KILLDEER	12	22	58	81	53	68	43	271	172	23	26	2
Mountain Plover					2							
Black-necked Stilt				13	2				4			
American Avocet				52	23	19	26	37	55	2		
Greater Yellowlegs	1			13	3		3	12	12	5		
Lesser Yellowlegs				21	4	1	9	115	106	12		
Solitary Sandpiper				2			2	5	9	1		
Willet				3	5		6	3	1			
Spotted Sandpiper				1	2	11	7	21	2			
Long-billed Curlew				1				2	1			
Marbled Godwit				8				1	3			
Sanderling								1	20			
Semipalmated Sandpiper				1				3	13			
Western Sandpiper				18				11	14			
Least Sandpiper				2	12			85	50			
White-rump. Sandpiper								1-?				
Baird's Sandpiper				9			5	195	250			
Pectoral Sandpiper								1	8	3	1	
Stilt Sandpiper								21	180	1		
Buff-breast Sandpiper								1				
Short-bill. Dowitcher								3	3			
Long-billed Dowitcher				31	65		1	38	105	113		
COMMON SNIPE	16	9	15	19	5	2	9	10	25	14	4	16
Wilson's Phalarope				41	15	37	14	15	32			
Red-necked Phalarope								2	16			
Franklin's Gull				3	14	6		430	894	153		
Bonaparte's Gull				4					2	7	6	
Ring-billed Gull	1249	76	684	131	90	41	1	970	?	475	717	791
California Gull		1	10	14	80	23	432	380	4	77	12	17
Herring Gull	33	27	16	1	2					7	8	151
Thayer's Gull	1				2							
Glaucous Gull												1
Sabine's Gull									2			
Common Tern									1			
Forster's Tern				2			7	18	5	1		
Black Tern						7		40	15			
ROCK DOVE	858	141	300	83	253	92	23	129	126	70	182	161
Band-tailed Pigeon						6		24				

1987	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Mourning Dove				106	241	185	21	393	393	5		
Greater Roadrunner									3			
Common Barn-Owl					3				1			
Eastern Screech-Owl	1			1					1			
Western Screech-Owl			1		3		1					
GREAT HORNED OWL	8	4	5	6	11	4	3	2	8	8	3	4
Burrowing Owl				1	2	6	1	6	4			
Long-eared Owl					4							
No. Saw-whet Owl						1						
Common Nighthawk					11	6	18	8	4			
Common Poorwill									2			
Chimney Swift					2							
White-throated Swift			1	1	61	13	2					
Blk-chin Hummingbird					6							
Broad-tl Hummingbird					15	53	76	57	1			
Rufous Hummingbird							4	8				
BELTED KINGFISHER	15	6	6	19	10	9	2	14	13	18	12	2
Lewis' Woodpecker	1	4	1	3		2	7		33		2	
Red-head. Woodpecker					1	1	1	1	7			
Red-naped Sapsucker						4	26		1		1	
Williamson's Sapsucker						2	5	4		1		
DOWNY WOODPECKER	11	15	3	11	3	4	5	7	4	14	7	1
"Batchelder's" race		1	1	3				2				
"Eastern" races	4	2	3				9	2	1	1	4	1
Hairy Woodpecker					1	3		2			1	
"Rocky Mtn." race		1										
"Eastern" races								2				
Three-toed Woodpecker						1	1					
NORTHERN FLICKER	2	1	3	5	4		7	7	28	16	6	
"Yellow-shaft" race				20								
"RED-SHAFTED" race	18	22	42	68	12	47	29	22	25	51	38	9
Olive-sided Flycatcher					3	2	3	7	2			
Western Wood-Pewee					13	37	39	45	8			
Willow Flycatcher					2	2	1	1				
Least Flycatcher									2			
Hammond's Flycatcher						4	2	1				
Dusky Flycatcher						9	1					
Gray Flycatcher						3						
Western Flycatcher						12	6	6				
Empidonax sp.					4	1	1		2			
Eastern Phoebe									3			
Say's Phoebe				8	7	4		4	6			
Ash-throat Flycatcher					4	3						
Grt. Crest Flycatcher								1	1			
Cassin's Kingbird									2			
Western Kingbird				2	26	60	16	70	26			
Eastern Kingbird				1	16	27	3	62	3			
Scissor-tl Flycatcher									2			
Horned Lark	19	33	121	455	370	31	76	3505	32	36	422	
Tree Swallow				7	23	70	350	8				
Violet-green Swallow				2	143	85	62	13				
No. Rough-wing Swallow				2	30	8	2		1			
Bank Swallow				2	40	12	1	160	1			
Cliff Swallow				24	330	374	339	108	3			
Barn Swallow				88	181	147	106	531	180	171		
Gray Jay		1				6	10	5				
Steller's Jay	3	21	12		2	15	31	16	16	18	14	

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Blue Jay	4	4	12	3	4	7		26	37	15	8	4
Scrub jay	16	23	28		26	6	4	25	22	24	21	
Pinyon Jay				4	85	15	6		30	2		
Clark's Nutcracker		2			2	21	19	1				
BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE	240	146	301	178	79	134	45	115	101	133	150	66
AMERICAN CROW	51	28	30	5	9	10	28	21	9	70	94	13
Chihuahuan Raven			2						1			
Common Raven	14	11	14	3	58	79	28	19	3	24	1	
BLACK-CAPP. CHICKADEE	34	140	43	30	27	21	4	44	13	137	75	4
Mountain Chickadee	2	45	8	1		15	45	25		16	2	
Plain Titmouse	2				4	6			1			
Bushtit					15	12			25	30		
Red-breasted Nuthatch		2	1			2		5				
White-breast Nuthatch	3	2	6	3	1		5	5	8	8	3	
Pygmy Nuthatch		7	1	6		16	19	13		4		
Brown Creeper	2		1			3	2	1	1	11	7	
Rock Wren				4	5	2	3	4	17	1		
Canyon Wren	1	2			6	1	1		5	5	6	
Bewick's Wren			3		4				5			
House Wren					38	84	22	30	5	1		
Winter Wren											1	
Marsh Wren	1		1		15	20		2				3
American Dipper	8	2	4		1	1	3	1		15	1	
Golden-crown. Kinglet		1				1	23	3				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1	17		1	2	7		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher					22	5						
Eastern Bluebird			2	3				15			1	
Western Bluebird			3				7		2			
Mountain Bluebird	1		19		12	7	63	7	17	36		
Townsend's Solitaire	19	11	10	4	1	2	6	1	1	30	17	
Veery							3					
Swainson's Thrush					2		1	1				
Hermit Thrush						10	8		3	1		
AMERICAN ROBIN	9	11	215	163	73	242	84	230	196	126	157	2
Gray Catbird					4	3	1	5	1	1		
Northern Mockingbird			1	1	2				1			
Sage Thrasher					3		3	7	3			
Brown Thrasher								5	3			
Curve-billed Thrasher				1								
Water Pipit	1			3		3	11	1	12		5	
Bohemian Waxwing	212		47									
Cedar Waxwing					14	12	4	18	13	29		
Northern Shrike	2	2	2							1	4	
Loggerhead Shrike	2		2	6	16		2	12	7			
EUROPEAN STARLING	348	182	742	311	764	385	109	990	923	943	1727	230
Gray Vireo					2							
Solitary Vireo						1	2	2				
"Plumbeous" race						3			1	1		
"Cassin's" race								1	2	1		
Warbling Vireo					4	56	25	1	3			
Red-eyed Vireo						5						
Orange-crown. Warbler					1				14	2		
Nashville Warbler										1		
Virginia's Warbler					1	1	2	5				
Yellow Warbler					48	127	11	4	3			
Black-thr. Blue Warbler										1		

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Yellow-rumped Warbler					8		3	1	18	41		
"Myrtle" race				8	3					8		
"Audubon's" race				12	3	30	40	11	67	122		
Black-thr. Gray Warbler					2							
Townsend's Warbler									4	2		
Black-thr. Green Warbler								1	1			
Blackburnian Warbler						1						
Palm Warbler										1		
Black-and-white Warbler									1	1		
American Redstart								1	2			
Northern Waterthrush								1				
MacGillivray's Warbler					1	4		2		1		
Common Yellowthroat					15	26	1	11				
Hooded Warbler				1								
Wilson's Warbler					1	14	7	36	18			
Yellow-breasted Chat					4	22	2	1				
Summer Tanager										1		
Western Tanager					25	41	18	17	3			
Rose-breast. Grosbeak					4	1						
Black-headed Grosbeak					29	10	3	25				
Blue Grosbeak					3	2	1		6			
Lazuli Bunting					12	23	15	1	1			
Indigo Bunting					1	3			1			
Green-tailed Towhee					3	7	1		5			
Rufous-sided Towhee		5		1	35	35	9	12	19	31	3	
"Spotted" races	5		8						2	3		
Brown Towhee	5		2	4		3			20			
American Tree Sparrow	208	91	15							6	47	16
Chipping Sparrow				2	55	17	18	115	18	23		
Clay-colored Sparrow					18			2	1	1		
Brewer's Sparrow							4	42	11			
Vesper Sparrow				8	12	9	111	54	50	3		
Lark Sparrow				4	20	22	4	77	7			
Black-throat. Sparrow					6							
Sage Sparrow					10							
Lark Bunting				1	1		1	1224	503			
Savannah Sparrow						6	56	8	17	6		
Grasshopper Sparrow							35					
Fox Sparrow												
"Slate-color." race						5						
SONG SPARROW	53	33	56	22	13	34	7	20	7	34	32	19
Lincoln's Sparrow						11	21	3	1	6		
Swamp Sparrow										2		
White-throat. Sparrow										3		
Golden-crown. Sparrow	1											
WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW	4	3	7	9	3	3	43	2	56	115	4	2
"Gambel's" race	1		20	2	5				6	22		
Harris' Sparrow	2	3									4	
DARK-EYED JUNCO	7			1	1	2	3			34	13	1
"White-winged" race	2											
"Slate-color." race	17	7	35	2						8	22	3
"Oregon" race	66	45	80	6					5	53	41	3
"Gray-headed" race	10	5	10			2	29	13		12	29	
McCown's Longspur					25	4		35				
Chestnut-coll Longspur					2			15				
Bobolink					4							
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD	365	180	776	512	917	670	62	212	324	731	106	235

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WESTERN MEADOWLARK	7	3	96	493	699	385	51	96	48	60	31	6
Yellow-head. Blackbird				1090	296	264	21	66	17			
Brewer's Blackbird				26	108	87	73	104	607	15	12	
Great-tailed Grackle										<u>9</u>		
Common Grackle				273	289	273	30	302	199	39		
Brown-headed Cowbird					43	162	25	3	4			
Orchard Oriole						1						
Northern Oriole					10	22	4					
"Bullock's" race					38	81	3	4				
Scott's Oriole					<u>2</u>							
Rosy Finch								1				
"Gray-crowned" race	10	50									15	
"Black" race	30	50										
"Brown-capped" race						3	2					
Pine Grosbeak							8					
Cassin's Finch		4	15		6	3	17	18		8	4	
HOUSE FINCH	52	82	124	80	43	90	50	41	28	61	83	60
Red Crossbill							10					
Pine Siskin	54	23	323	3	6	28	84	22	4	2	21	
Lesser Goldfinch					1	19	12	3	11			
AMERICAN GOLDFINCH	8	2	5	30	39	33	6	27	5	63	43	4
Evening Grosbeak		12			5	4	25	59	5	62	16	
HOUSE SPARROW	124	18	161	119	310	140	28	320	258	81	127	37
TOTAL SPECIES-284	90	78	88	129	168	162	148	172	176	125	92	53

NOTE: There are 29 species listed above in CAPITAL LETTERS. These 29 species were reported every month during 1987 from scheduled DFO field trips.

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APRIL 1988 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- APRIL 2, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WGB). Leader: Warren Finch.
Observers: Bill Brockner, Wally & Jenny Collins, Martha Marshall,
Ann Southcott, Bob Spencer, Joe TenBrink, Rob Wilson. (30°-58°).
3 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 6 hours birding. (35 species,
613 individuals).
- 3, Easter Sunday. No Trip Scheduled.
- 9, Saturday. Bear Creek, plains to foothills (BCK). Leader: Cal
Wichern. Observers: Ruth Bull, Hazel Kellogg, Tim Moore, Hugh
Rayatt, Ann Southcott, Ruth Wheeler. (Cloudy; Wind, moderate;
35°-45°). 44 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 8 hours birding.
(38 species, 449 individuals).
- 10, Sunday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal (east & north boundaries), Barr
Lake S.P., Mile High Duck Club (BL). Leader: Walt Bull. Observ-
ers: Joey Kellner, Randy Lentz, Tom Parchman, Chuck Romeo, Tim
Schowalter, Mort Staatz, Steve Stachowiak. (Clear; Wind, 0-30 MPH;
20°-45°). 74 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. 6.5 hours birding.
(59 species, 910 individuals).
- 11, Monday. Denver area: Castlewood Canyon S.P; Louviers, Waterton,
Chatfield SRA, Red Rocks Park, Mile High Duck Club, Prospect

APRIL 11 (continued)

- Reservoir; farm ponds at Weld Co. Rds. 6 & 61 and 6 & 67 (DEN). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear; Wind, variable 0-10 MPH; 25°-66°). 232 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 12 hours birding. (74 species, 3199 individuals).
- 16, Saturday. Daniels Park and Cherokee Ranch (DC). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Gayle Barrett, Ruth Breckon, George Collings, Hilda Eichenberger, Hazel Kellogg, Dick Pautsch, Carol Prisom-Reed, Mary Jane Schock, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Wind, S and light; 35°-59°). 75 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. ? hours birding. (36 species, 310 individuals).
- 17, Sunday. Northeastern Colorado: Denver to Prewitt Reservoir via I-76; Fort Morgan; Muir Springs Park; Bijou Reservoir; Weldona; Jackson Reservoir "Pelican Refuges"; Orchard; Keenesburg; farm ponds at Weld Co. Rds. 6 & 61; east side of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal (NECO). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Brenda Cockrell, Richard Hale, Lisa Hardy, Joe Himmel, Joey Kellner, Randy Lentz, John Schenck, Aaron Sell, Helen Singer, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Joe TenBrink. (Cloudy to overcast, rain late P.M.; Wind, SE 5-10 MPH shifting to NE 15-25 MPH by noon; 48°-55°). 286 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 12 hours birding. (85 species, 9736 individuals).
- 15-17, Friday P.M. through Sunday. San Luis Valley: Crestone, Russell Lakes, San Luis Lake SWA, Monte Vista NWR, Terrace Reservoir, Alamosa NWR, Hot Creek SWA, Conejos River, Rio Grande Canyon, Sanchez Reservoir, Mountain Home Reservoir, West Indian Creek (SLV). Observers: Dan Bridges, Cynthia Melcher (Stutesbury, Mass.), John Rawinski, Stanley Rawinski (Grafton, Mass.), Helen Ryan. (Friday: Sunny; 70°; Saturday & Sunday: Overcast with P.M. rain and snow showers; Wind, 0-30 MPH; 35°-45°). 830 miles by car, 12 miles on foot. 17 hours birding. (86 species, 2757 individuals).
- 23, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCK). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Overcast, fog becoming partly cloudy to cloudy; Wind, N 5-15 MPH; 32°-62°). 16 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 8 hours birding. (75 species, 1786 individuals).
- 23-24, Saturday & Sunday. Grouse Trip to Northcentral Colorado: Denver to Fort Collins, Cameron Pass, Arapaho NWR, Steamboat Springs/Hayden area, Eagle River & Georgetown (NCC). Leaders: Kathy Hawkins (DFO) and Jim Haskins (CDOW). Observers: Bobbie & Elmer Ausfahl, Mike & Rose Barber, Beverly Barsook, Virginia Bleck, Bill, Cathy & Mary Fink, Lou Garrett, Glenn & Jeane Hageman, Lisa Hardy, Louise Hector, Eiji Hosoi (Japan), Harold John (Missouri), Twyla Jorgensen, Nancy Kettner, Al & Cyrus Koewing, Randy Lentz, Robert McNeese (Kentucky), Tim Schowalter, Ann Southcott, Robert & Shirley Spencer, Mort & Rosemare Staatz, George & Sets Takeno, Mickey Wheeler (Florida), Ruth Wheeler, Bob Whitcomb (Florida), Virgil Williams, Rob Wilson. (Partly cloudy to cloudy with rain, snow & hail; Wind, variable 0-40 MPH; 30°-50°). 511 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. 23 hours birding. (75 species, 3674 individuals).
- 24, Sunday. Chatfield SRA & Waterton Canyon (C/W). Leaders: Brenda Cockrell & Joey Kellner. Observers: Barbara & Jim Fay, Kathy & Steve King, Jack Reddall, Deb & Joe Sikich. (Partly cloudy, brief shower at noon; Wind, W 5-20 MPH; 43°-58°). 5 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. 8 hours birding. (70 species, 1612 individuals).

APRIL (continued)

- 27-29, Wednesday through Friday. Southeastern Colorado: Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Castlewood Canyon S.P., Winkler Ranch, Castle Rock to Pueblo via I-25, Colo. Hwy. 96 to Ordway, Lake Henry, Lake Meredith, farm pond at Crowley Co. Rds. F & 23, Rocky Ford SWA, Cheraw, Lake Hasty RA, Lamar (cemetery and city park), Two Buttes SWA, Springfield, Pritchett and Cottonwood Canyon (SECO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, SW 10-25 MPH to NE 10-25 MPH; 45°-83°). 509 miles by car, 9 miles on foot. 21.5 hours birding. (127 species, 11087 individuals).
- 29&30, Friday P.M. & Saturday. San Luis Valley: San Luis Lake SWA, Alamosa NWR, Monte Vista NWR, Hot Creek SWA, La Jara Canyon (SLV). Observer: Dan Bridges. (Sunny; Wind, 0-30 MPH; 40°-65°). 130 miles by car, 20 miles on foot. 16 hours birding. (92 species, 3023 individuals).
- 30, Saturday. Douglas County: Sedalia, Plum Creek & Castlewood Canyon S.P. (DC). Leader: Ed Holub. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Marilyn Clark, Jill Knaak, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Carol Prismon-Reed, Tim Schowalter, Ann Southcott, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler, Virgil Williams. (Mostly clear; Wind, S 5-25 MPH; 50°-80°). 79 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. 8.3 hours birding. (46 species, 285 individuals).

APRIL 1988 FIELD TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

A combination of 8 scheduled DFO field trips and 5 individual field trips produced 180 species of birds in April. Last year, 194 species were turned up from a combination of 7 scheduled and 6 individual field trips during April. The 1988 spring migration appears to be progressing slowly. April "Highlights" are few and far between. One American Bittern was sighted at Cherry Creek SRA on April 21 and again on April 23rd. Great Blue Herons are nesting again in a single, large cottonwood south of the reservoir at Cherry Creek SRA with 4-5 active nests. Two hundred White-faced Ibis were observed at Cherry Creek SRA on April 23 and good numbers were reported elsewhere during the month in the Denver area. Ospreys were reported from Cherry Creek SRA, Chatfield SRA and at Lake Hasty RA (John Martin Dam, Bent County) during the month. A single, immature Bald Eagle was observed in La Jara Canyon in the San Luis Valley on April 30th. One Peregrine Falcon was seen on the Barr Lake field trip on the 10th, the only one reported during the entire month. Unquestionably the most notable species found in April on the scheduled field trips were 65 Sage Grouse and 19 Sharp-tailed Grouse in the Hayden/Steamboat Springs area over the weekend of April 23-24. A medal for "Hanging-in-There" should be awarded to Kathy Hawkins for leading an intrepid group of 35 (count 'em!) bird-watchers in search of these grouse (with good support from Jim Haskins of the CDOW). "Kathy's Karavan" braved winds, cold temperatures, rain, snow and hail (but no herd of locusts were encountered) during this trek. Good going, Kathy! You must have set an all-time record for the number of participants on a DFO field trip! Twenty Sandhill Cranes were also seen by this army in the Hayden area on April 24th. The shorebird spring migration was very unspectacular, not an unusual event since most ponds, lakes and reservoirs are full to over-flowing at this time of year providing few opportunities for these birds to sit down and feed. A late immature Thayer's Gull was at Cherry Creek SRA on April 23, the only significant Larid found during the month. Five Forster's Tens were a little early at Prewitt Reservoir on the 17th. One Western Screech-Owl was reported on the weekend trip to the Hayden/Steamboat Springs area and two responded well to a taped call on the night of April 28-29 in Cottonwood Canyon.

A Common Poorwill called throughout the same night at this location as well. Only one Catharus thrush was reported during the month-an unidentified bird found below the dam at Two Buttes Reservoir in Baca County on April 28th. One vireo, a Red-eyed, was spotted in the Lamar cemetery on the 28th, the only reported vireo for the entire month. Warblers were very scarce. One male Tennessee and two Orange-crowns were seen on April 28 in the cemetery at Lamar; Yellow-rumps were present in the latter half of the month but not in the usually high numbers expected at this time of year; a male Black-and-white Warbler was observed on the 30th at Hot Creek SWA in the San Luis Valley and one male Common Yellowthroat was seen at the Lake Hasty RA in Bent County on April 28. A male Rose-breasted Grosbeak pleased the April 24th field trip to Waterton Canyon. A Rufous-crowned Sparrow was significant singing at daybreak on April 29 in Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County. Otherwise, sparrows, too, were sparse. A single Savannah Sparrow at Chatfield SRA on the 24th, one Grasshopper Sparrow on the 30th in the San Luis Valley, one Lincoln's Sparrow on the 17th at Prewitt Reservoir and one adult White-throated Sparrow on the 29th at Two Buttes SWA pretty well described the paucity of these birds. Finally, the armada returning from the grouse hunt were surprised to find 60 "Brown-capped" Rosy Finches at a feeder in Georgetown on April 24th. . . . IS THE SILENT SPRING FAR AWAY?

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Pied-billed Grebe				1		5	1	3	1	3	2	5	
Horned Grebe	3	6	9	8		15				5	6		
Eared Grebe			4	2		25	17	1	1	3	11	25	
Western Grebe		2	34	25		4	3	150	3	110	800	10	
Clark's Grebe			1					1		2	1		
American White Pelican			2			200		9			7		
Double-crested Cormorant			92	150		25	1	30	6	230	50		
American Bittern								1					
Great Blue Heron		2	8	85		15		13N	6	100	15		3
Snowy Egret											1	2	
Black-crowned Night-Heron							7	1ad				11	
White-faced Ibis						4		200		55		50	
Snow Goose ("White" morph)						1ad							
Canada Goose	60	12	13	35	4	15	60	25	98	35	30	50	2
Wood Duck			1ma			8m2f		1ma		8			
Green-winged Teal	4	3	18	40		90	150	50	58	11	40	15	
Mallard	100	42	75	200	3	800	250	55	250	36	83	60	4
Northern Pintail			41	75		100	75		156		2ma	55	
Blue-winged Teal			3	8		55	2	25	12	6	44	6	
Cinnamon Teal			12	15		25	30	20	17	6	2	60	
Northern Shoveler	1	6	58	950		3000	75	65	60	13	120	90	
Gadwall	15	13	30	250		400	150	60	110	10	135	400	
American Wigeon	35	2	8	225	8	250	30	10	27		39	3	
Canvasback			2			2m2f	1						
Redhead	50	4	2	10		1ma	20		64		25	50	
Ring-necked Duck	1			50		2m2f	5					6	
Lesser Scaup	45	15	15	180		1500	100	5	490		45	70	
Common Goldeneye		4	3	20		4fe				5			
Bufflehead		2	3	50		40	7	3	3		25	18	
Hooded Merganser				1fe								1fe	
Common Merganser				45		1m1f	12		12	16			
Ruddy Duck			12			4	10		17		1ma	65	

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Turkey Vulture			4	6				1	11		20	5	21
Osprey								2	1	1	1		
Bald Eagle												1im	
Northern Harrier			1			1fe	4	1pr	2fe	1fe	2fe	2	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk							2	2ad		1			
Cooper's Hawk				1ad							1ad		
Swainson's Hawk		1	2	1		12	4	2	12	1	13	1	1
Red-tailed Hawk			2		3		2					1	
"Western" races		2		2		7		1	9		4		2
Ferruginous Hawk			2	1		2		1					
Buteo sp.									4				
Golden Eagle							1		5		1ad	1	
American Kestrel	1	6	9	7	2	19	14	5	23	2	22	4	2
Peregrine Falcon			1										
Prairie Falcon				1							1		1
Ring-necked Pheasant			1			10	4	7			11	5	
Sage Grouse									65				
Sharp-tailed Grouse									19				
Wild Turkey						2					1		
Northern Bobwhite						6							
Virginia Rail						1-H						1-H	
American Coot	35	1	42	25	20	40	600	45	210	5	68	750	
Sandhill Crane							6		20				
Semipalmated Plover							1						
Killdeer			3	20		20	20	9	7	8	29	25	
Black-necked Stilt											9	2	
American Avocet						35	75	3	23	7	22	45	
Greater Yellowlegs			4	3		6	2				8		
Lesser Yellowlegs				1		2	2	2			13		
Solitary Sandpiper								1			5		
Willet						2		5		1	3	1	
Spotted Sandpiper											4	2	
Long-billed Curlew											2	1	
Marbled Godwit						2		23			1		
Western Sandpiper											5		
Least Sandpiper						1		3			70		
Baird's Sandpiper											20	15	
Long-billed Dowitcher			1	1		1	8	1	12		10	75	
Common Snipe		4	1	1		5	3	5		1		5	
Wilson's Phalarope											175	40	
Franklin's Gull			5			20		25	100	7			
Bonaparte's Gull						1ad				4	2		
Ring-billed Gull	30	8		6	4	250	30	75	31	45	73	4	
California Gull			12	2		80	3	250	6	10	110		
Herring Gull						1		3			2		
Thayer's Gull								1im					
Forster's Tern						5					10	4	
Rock Dove	5	3	3	35	4	75	12	1	97	7	245	10	16
Mourning Dove			2		2	20	20	11	21	8	425	20	6
Eastern Screech-Owl	1												
Western Screech-Owl									1		2		
Great Horned Owl			5X	1X		3	2	1aN		2aN	3a2i	1	

NOTE X: Total includes one owlet.

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Burrowing Owl											2		
Common Poorwill											1-H		
White-throated Swift				5							2	75	5
Broad-tailed Hummingbird													1
Belted Kingfisher	3	3				1	3	1ma	4	6	2	3	4
Lewis' Woodpecker											20		2
Red-naped Sapsucker							2		1			3	
Williamson's Sapsucker		1					3						
Ladder-backed Woodpecker											1ma		
Downy Woodpecker		2	7				1	1	1fe	8			3
"Eastern" races	4					4		1fe			1fe		
Hairy Woodpecker			1				1		1ma		1-H		
"Rocky Mountain" race											1		
"Eastern" races						3					1		
Northern Flicker						9							
"Red-shafted" race	15	40	3	10	2		20	1	14	14	11	6	4
Eastern Phoebe											2		
Say's Phoebe					2	1	3		1		6	3	
Ash-throated Flycatcher											2		
Cassin's Kingbird											2		
Western Kingbird					1						4		
Eastern Kingbird											1		
Horned Lark			4	15		15	40	1	14		280	20	
Tree Swallow				7			100	10		220		100	4
Violet-green Swallow							20		6	5		30	1
No. Rough-winged Swallow								1		14		5	12
Bank Swallow								4					
Cliff Swallow								2			1000	100	
Barn Swallow			3			30		225		13	200	20	2
Steller's Jay				40			6		10		8	4	1
Blue Jay				6	2	9				3	3		7
Scrub Jay				6	9				3	3	7		7
Pinyon Jay							90					15	
Clark's Nutcracker							2		3			4	
Black-billed Magpie	25	25	36	30	25	20	40	40	54	26	75	15	13
American Crow	2			5	8	4	7	1	132	7	20		4
Chihuahuan Raven											6		
Common Raven		1		4	2		8		20	2	1	11	2
Black-capped Chickadee	10	6	16	8	12	6	2	6	1	25	2	2	16
Mountain Chickadee				8	2		6		2		4	2	
Bushtit												4	
Red-breasted Nuthatch				6	4		1				6		
White-breasted Nuthatch	1			3	2		2						1
Pygmy Nuthatch		8		1	2		2				2		
Brown Creeper				2									
Rock Wren					1		10				12	6	
Canyon Wren											2-H		
Bewick's Wren											6		
House Wren										16	1		3
Marsh Wren							1					3	
American Dipper	1	3					1		5			2	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet							3				1	6	

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Eastern Bluebird						2							
Western Bluebird		3		1pr	2		1						3
Mountain Bluebird	3	3		5	25		25		16		1m1f	2	2
Townsend's Solitaire				4		1	6		8			4	
Catharus sp.											1		
American Robin	15	120	38	75	20	65	50	20	272	48	200	25	18
Gray Catbird										1	1		
Northern Mockingbird											3	2	
Sage Thrasher	1		1				20		2		1	8	
Brown Thrasher								1			2		
Water Pipit							1						
Loggerhead Shrike						2					3	1	
European Starling	70	46	64	150	50	675	60	60	154	65	525	20	23
Red-eyed Vireo											1		
Tennessee Warbler											1ma		
Orange-crowned Warbler											2		
Yellow-rumped Warbler						2							
"Myrtle" race								3ma		100		3	
"Audubon's" race										26	90	2	
Black-and-white Warbler												1ma	
Common Yellowthroat										1ma			
Rose-breasted Grosbeak												1	
Green-tailed Towhee					5					22			10
Rufous-sided Towhee				15							23		
"Spotted" races											3		
Brown Towhee											1		
Rufous-crowned Sparrow		2								1	135		3
Chipping Sparrow							5	1	46	1	85	10	
Vesper Sparrow						3					14		1
Lark Sparrow											75		
Lark Bunting										1			
Savannah Sparrow												1	
Grasshopper Sparrow												11	1
Song Sparrow	6	3	7	1		2	15	10	8	5	2		
Lincoln's Sparrow						1							
White-throated Sparrow											1ad		
White-crowned Sparrow	7		1	2		20	3		2	19	8	2	12
"Gambel's" race								3					
"Eastern" race											130		
Harris' Sparrow	1												
Dark-eyed Junco													
"Slate-colored" race			2						1			1	
"Oregon" race	10		2				10	1	25	1	1	5	
"Gray-headed" race			1	2	1		75		38		2	10	
Red-winged Blackbird	25	40	98	30	8	600	150	80	212	50	620	175	16
Western Meadowlark		2	17	70	3	300	30	50	49	45	725	10	6
Yellow-headed Blackbird			52	3		100	20	3ma	13		1000	130	
Brewer's Blackbird						80	1				7	60	5
Common Grackle			6	35	3	350		10	121	45	2560		10
Brown-headed Cowbird						1ma				5	20	7	7
Rosy Finch													
"Brown-capped" race									60				
Cassin's Finch					20		6		8				

APRIL 1988	2	9	10	11	16	17	15-17	23	23-24	24	27-29	29-30	30
AREA COVERED	WGB	BCK	BL	DEN	DC	NECO	SLV	CCK	NCC	C/W	SECO	SLV	DC
LIFE ZONES VISITED	PLN	P/F	PL	P/F	PF	PLNS	WMV	PLN	F/M	PLNS	PLFH	WMV	PF
House Finch	15	3		35	?	5	4	15	42	2	12	3	
Red Crossbill				1									
Pine Siskin				15	25				120	6	185		
American Goldfinch	3		1			20		10		5	35	2	
Evening Grosbeak				7	21		5		110	35			14
House Sparrow	10		5	50	3	180	75	10	25	1	35	15	3
TOTAL SPECIES-180	35	38	59	74	36	85	86	75	75	70	127	92	46

ABBREVIATIONS & NOTES: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i; Pair=pr; Heard Only=H; Plains=PLNS,PLN,PL,P; Foot-hills=FOOT,FHL,FH,F; Mountains=M; Western Mountain Valleys=WMV.

ADDITIONAL APRIL 1988 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

PLEASE NOTE! Instructions for submitting "Additional Reports":

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the compiler reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual/rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips. Sightings reported to the Colorado Bird Report will not automatically be accepted and published in the Lark Bunting unless reported to the compiler in writing as stipulated in item 2 below.
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3. Deadline for receipt of all individual "Additional Reports" is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the current month.
4. Send your "Additional Reports" to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111.

 American Bittern 4-21 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (Jack Reddall).
 Wood Duck 4-21 (1 male) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
 Osprey 4-16 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (Aaron Sell).
 Solitary Sandpiper 4-21 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
 Long-billed Curlew 4-21 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
 Marbled Godwit 4-23 (flock of 36 with one Willet) northwest corner of John Martin Reservoir, near marsh, Bent Co. (Dan Bridges).
 Field Sparrow 4-24 (1 singing migrant), South Republican River, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile upstream from Hale Ponds, Yuma Co. (DB).

DFO SPECIAL TRIP TO THE UPPER TEXAS COAST (April 14 through 18, 1988):

Leader: Robert Righter. Participants: Norm Erthal, Alan & Dee Hay.
 Highlights: 35 shorebird species, 10 tern species, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Sedge Wren, Sprague's Pipit, 24 warbler species (including 3 Cerulean and 2 Swainson's), Bachman's Sparrow. TOTAL SPECIES SEEN: 202.

REPORTS FROM "TUESDAY BIRDERS"

FROM: Monna Krebs (compiler)
12487 W 38th Drive
Wheat Ridge, Co 80033

APRIL 5, CHATFIELD SRA. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 30.

Pied-billed Grebe-1, Horned Grebe-6, Eared Grebe-16, Western Grebe-50, Double-crested Cormorant-94, Great Blue Heron-116, Canada Goose-48, Wood Duck-2, Green-winged Teal-4, Mallard-5, Northern Shoveler-6, American Wigeon-1, Redhead-16, Lesser Scaup-2, Common Goldeneye-1, Common Merganser-1, Red-tailed Hawk-2, American Kestrel-1, American Coot-1, Killdeer-4, Ring-billed Gull-18, Rock Dove-4, Great Horned Owl-4 adult/1 owlet, Belted Kingfisher-1, Downy Woodpecker-1, Northern Flicker-5, Horned Lark-3, Swallow-1 sp.?, Black-billed Magpie-18, Common Raven-1, Black-capped Chickadee-10, Mountain Chickadee-1, Mountain Bluebird-5, American Robin-6, European Starling-47, Song Sparrow-1, Dark-eyed Junco-1, Red-winged Blackbird-22, Western Meadowlark-11. (39 species, 538 individuals).

APRIL 11-12-13, DENVER-SPRINGFIELD VIA, KIOWA, LIMON, NES NOSHE RES., TWO BUTTES RES., BOOMING GROUNDS AT CAMPO, CIMARRON RIVER, CARRIZO CANYON (4 mbrs started counting when they left their home in Evergreen). Leaders: Mirie Austin/Ann Bonnell. Observers: 18.

Pied-billed Grebe-4, Horned Grebe-11, Western Grebe-114/Clark's-2, White Pelican-156, Double-crested Cormorant-67, Great Blue Heron-14, Snow Goose "white" form-4,000 "blue" form-13, Canada Goose-10, Green-winged Teal-10, Mallard-12, Northern Pintail-21, Blue-winged Teal-12, Cinnamon Teal-6, Northern Shoveler-14, Gadwall-1, American Wigeon-17, Canvasback-2, Redhead-1, Greater Scaup-4, Lesser Scaup-10, Common Merganser-9, Turkey Vulture-50, Northern Harrier-30, Sharp-shinned Hawk-2, Cooper's Hawk-2, Swainson's Hawk-35, Red-tailed Hawk-17, Ferruginous Hawk-2(1 on nest), Rough-legged Hawk-2, Golden Eagle-4, Kestrel-150, Merlin-1, Prairie Falcon-1, Ring-necked Pheasant-5, Lesser Prairie-Chicken-14(3 were hens), Wild Turkey-2, Scaled Quail-12, Sora-1(heard), American Coot-100, Sandhill Crane-3, Killdeer-20, Mountain Plover-1, American Avocet-1, Greater Yellowlegs-23, Lesser Yellowlegs-20, Willet-4, Long-billed Curlew-3, Common Snipe-2, Wilson's Phalarope-6, Franklin's Gull-16, Ring-billed Gull-100, Rock Dove-200, Mourning Dove-165, Greater Roadrunner-2, Common Barn-Owl-3, Great Horned Owl-10 adult/3 owlets (all on nests), Burrowing Owl-12, Belted Kingfisher-1, Lewis' Woodpecker-47, Ladder-backed Woodpecker-1, Downy Woodpecker-5, Northern Flicker-13, Western Wood-Pewee-2, Eastern Phoebe-2, Say's Phoebe-4, Cassin's Kingbird-2, Horned Lark-3,000, Steller's Jay-1, Scrub Jay-4, Black-billed Magpie-61, American Crow-10, Common Raven-9(one nest), Mountain Chickadee-4, Pygmy Nuthatch-1, Rock Wren-2, Canyon Wren-2, Bewick's Wren-1, American Dipper-2, Mountain Bluebird-4, Townsend's Solitaire-2, American Robin-30, Sage Thrasher-3, Curved-billed Thrasher-1, Loggerhead Shrike-37, European Starling-250, Blue Grosbeak-1, Green-tailed Towhee-1, Rufous-sided Towhee-1, Brown Towhee-4, Chipping Sparrow-1, Field Sparrow-1, Vesper Sparrow-4, Lark Bunting-70, Song Sparrow-2, White-crowned Sparrow-140, Red-winged Blackbird-740, Western Meadowlark-3,000, Yellow-headed Blackbird-20, Common Grackle-68, Brown-headed Cowbird-8, House Finch-19, Pine Siskin-22, Lesser Goldfinch-30, American Goldfinch-56, Evening Grosbeak-25, House Sparrow-200. (106 species, 13,449 individuals).

Tuesday Birders - cont.

April 12, CHERRY CREEK RES. SRA. Leader: Carolyn Bredenberg.
Observers: 8 (Members who did not go to Springfield).

Grebe (sp.?) -50, Eared Grebe-3, Western Grebe-6, White Pelican-24, Double-crested Cormorant-5, Great Blue Heron-4, Canada Goose-15, Mallard-7, Ruddy Duck-1, Northern Harrier-1, American Kestrel-1, American Coot-11, Killdeer-10, American Avocet-7, Ring-billed Gull-15, Gull (sp.?) 191, Violet-green Swallow-1, Black-billed Magpie-5, Black-capped Chickadee-2, American Robin-8, European Starling-2, Red-winged Blackbird-10, Western Meadowlark-16. (23 species, 395 individuals).

April 19, CASTLE ROCK BIRD ATLAS NORTH QUADRANT. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 27

Canada Goose-2, Mallard-19, Turkey Vulture-20, Northern Harrier-3, Sharp-shinned Hawk-1, Northern Goshawk-1, Swainson's Hawk-1, Red-tailed Hawk-7, Golden Eagle-2 (on nest), Kestrel-5, Killdeer-4, Rock Dove-10, Mourning Dove-8, Lewis' Woodpecker-1, Downy Woodpecker-2, Northern Flicker-8, Say's Phoebe-2, Horned Lark-1, Steller's Jay-2, Blue Jay-3, Scrub Jay-26, Black-billed Magpie-27, American Crow-10, Common Raven-2, Black-capped Chickadee-7, White-breasted nuthatch-5, Canyon Wren-2, Mountain Bluebird-4, American Robin-9, European Starling-29, Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's" race-3, Rufus-sided Towhee-45, Chipping Sparrow-1, Vesper Sparrow-1, Song Sparrow-6, Dark-eyed Junco-4, Red-winged Blackbird-15, Western Meadowlark-44, Yellow-headed Blackbird-8, Common Grackle-8, Brown-headed Cowbird-1, House Finch-6, House Sparrow-4. (43 species, 369 individuals).

April 26, CHATFIELD ARBORETUM. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 28.

Double-crested Cormorant-4, Great Blue Heron-8, Canada Goose-17 (1 on nest), Wood Duck-2, Green-winged Teal-2, Mallard-14, Blue-winged Teal-4, Cinnamon Teal-2, Northern Shoveler-3, American Wigeon-4, Ring-necked Duck-1, Turkey Vulture-1, Red-tailed Hawk-1, Hawk (sp.?) -1, American Kestrel-1, Ring-necked Pheasant-1, Sora -2 (heard). Killdeer-3, Greater Yellowlegs-1, Common Snipe-2, Mourning Dove-2, Great Horned Owl-1 (on nest/2 owlets), Downy Woodpecker-2, Northern Flicker-2, Tree Swallow-1, Cliff Swallow-34, Barn Swallow-10, Black-billed Magpie-14, American Crow-1, Black-capped Chickadee-4, American Robin-4, Water Pipit-7, European Starling-8, Yellow-rumped Warbler "Myrtle"-2 "Audubon's"-15, Savannah Sparrow-5, Song Sparrow-2, White-crowned Sparrow-1, Red-winged Blackbird-35, Western Meadowlark-5, Common Grackle-1.
(40 species, 232 individuals).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

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GRAND OPENING OF THE PEREGRINE FALCON EXHIBIT

"ATRIUM SPACES"

DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Thursday, June 9, 1988

6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Please come and join in the celebration of the opening of the Peregrine Falcon Exhibit ("The Peregrines are coming to the canyons of Denver").

SPECIAL GUESTS Dr. Jay Hair from Washington, D.C. and President of the National Wildlife Federation will discuss urban wildlife and the Peregrine release program. Corporate sponsors for the Peregrine Falcon release program will be recognized.

GRAND OPENING OF THE PEREGRINE FALCON EXHIBIT (continued)

DEMONSTRATIONS AND DISPLAYS AND INFORMAL LECTURES See Peregrine Falcons at their hack box site. Also view Peregrine Falcon eggs and other displays on Colorado non-game programs and wildlife observation. Experts from the Colorado Division of Wildlife, Denver Museum of Natural History and the Colorado Wildlife Federation will be on hand to discuss Denver release of Peregrine Falcons and Urban Wildlife.

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 1988

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED! If you would like to lead a Field Trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Ruth Breckon (455-0970) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). The DFO is the only organization in the United States that schedules and conducts Field Trips every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year. We need Field Trip Leaders to keep the tradition going strong.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

CARPPOOLING URGED ON FIELD TRIPS: All Denver Field Ornithologists are urged to carpool wherever possible when going on Field Trips to help conserve energy. If you contemplate going on any of the scheduled Field Trips listed below, please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for carpooling.

SUGGESTIONS TO LEADERS: Take initiative in arranging for carpooling. Be sure the drivers know the route to be taken so no one gets lost. Arrange a rest stop by noon. Make an attempt to see that all members of the group see the birds observed. Obtain some copies of the "Denver Field Ornithologists-Membership Information" handout sheet to give to prospective new members joining your Field Trip. Call Alan Hay (Tel. 422-0239) to obtain copies.

PLEASE CALL THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT AT 423-5582 BEFORE GOING ON A FIELD TRIP TO DETERMINE IF THERE HAVE BEEN ANY LAST MINUTE CHANGES IN SCHEDULING.

JUNE 1, Wednesday. CHERRY CREEK SRA. Leader: Floyd Pendell (758-5530). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the West Entrance Gate. *

4, Saturday. ROXBOROUGH PARK. Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Albertson's parking lot, South Broadway & County Line Road (southwest corner).*

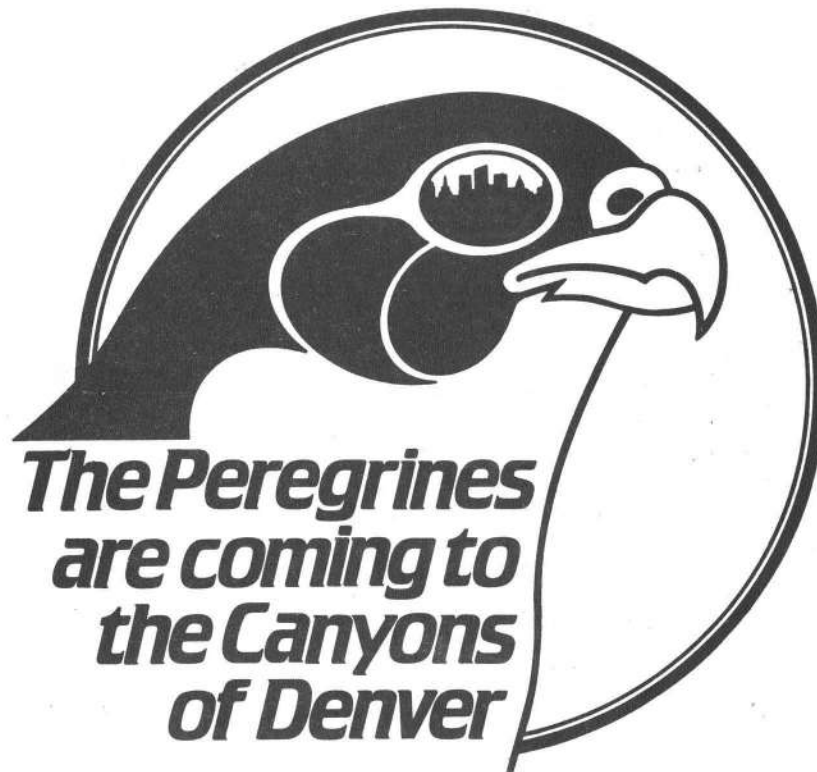
- JUNE 4, Saturday. "SPECIAL TRIP". Breeding Bird Atlas Instructional Trip to CHATFIELD SRA. Leader: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Park-'n-Ride, west side of Wadsworth south of U.S. Hwy. 285 (Hampden Avenue) OR — at 7:15 A.M. at Plum Creek Nature Trail Parking Lot at Chatfield SRA. Wear water-proof shoes. *
- 5, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leaders: Marilyn & Lee Rowe (659-8069). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Nature Center parking lot. *
- 7, Tuesday. "CENTURY RUN". We will try and find 100 species in and around the Denver metropolitan area. Limited to the first three people who call. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at the Southmoor Park-'n-Ride, south Monaco at Magnolia Way at 5:00 A.M. This will be an extremely long day and the trip will start at Castlewood Canyon S.P. and end up probably north and east of Barr Lake S.P. *
- 9, Thursday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Alan Hay (422-0239). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Prospect Lake, West 44th Avenue near Robb. *
- 11, Saturday. LONGMONT/LYONS AREA. Leader: Bill Prather (1-776-2191). Carpool at 6:30 A.M. at the Museum of Natural History on the east side of the North Parking Lot. Meet the Leader at 7:30 A.M. at the Jim Hamm Nature Area, about one mile south of Colo. Hwy. 66 on Boulder/Weld County Line Road (west of Union Reservoir). *
- 12, Sunday. APEX TRAIL. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Blue Grouse is possible. Meet at the Apex Open Space parking lot north of Heritage Square at 6:00 A.M. Entrance is off Colo. Hwy. 93 just north of junction with U.S. Hwy. 40. This is an uphill hike for birds and wildflowers. Bring water to carry. $\frac{1}{2}$ -day trip with lunch optional.
- 15, Wednesday. CHATFIELD ARBORETUM 7 DEER CREEK CANYON. Leader: Ann Bonnell (979-6211). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest section near the Burlington Coat Factory) at South Sheridan Blvd. north of Hampden Avenue (U.S. Hwy. 285). Meet Leader at 7:30 A.M. at gate to Arboretum (about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile west of Chatfield on Deer Creek Road). *
- 18, Saturday. PAWNEE NATIONAL GRASSLAND. Leader: Dick Pratt (759-5568). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History, east side of the North Parking Lot. *
- 19, Sunday. BEAR CREEK, PLAINS TO FOOTHILLS. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest section near the Burlington Coat Factory) at South Sheridan Blvd. north of Hampden Avenue (U.S. Hwy. 285). *
- 22, Wednesday. ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK. Leaders: Warner & Ruth Reeser (1-586-3010). Carpool at 6:30 A.M. at the Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, southeast corner of West 38th Avenue and Wadsworth Blvd. Park on the street on east side of the parking lot. Meet Leader at the National Park Headquarters at 8:15 A.M. Trip will not be scouted for nesting birds. *
- 25, Saturday. BURLAND RANCHETTES. Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 7:15 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest section near the Burlington Coat Factory) at South Sheridan Blvd. north of Hampden Avenue (U.S. Hwy. 285). *
- 26, Sunday. EVERGREEN AREA (MEAN'S MEADOW TO SQUAW PASS). Leader: Bill Brockner (674-4851). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Bergen Park. *

JUNE 29, Wednesday. CHATFIELD STATE RECREATION AREA. Leader: Irv Jackson (233-2171). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at the Park-'n-Ride on the west side of South Wadsworth south of Hampden Avenue (U.S. Hwy. 285). *

*BRING LUNCH

SUBMITTED BY: Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
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TUESDAY BIRDERS. You are welcome to join a group of birders on each Tuesday of the month. Call Ann Bonnell (979-6211) for details).



DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS -- Membership Information

WELCOME to the D.F.O.

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December), 7:30 p.m. at the Denver Museum of Natural History West Auditorium. Date and time reported on Rare Bird Alert 423-5582. These meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in different sections of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring your lunch and wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile per car divided by number of passengers including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, The Lark Bunting, is issued monthly listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on previous month's trips is given in check-list order as well as many of the interesting sightings reported by members.

D. F. O. RARE BIRD ALERT: (303)423-5582

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

_____ Regular Family Membership--\$10 (if paid after Oct. 1, valid for next year)

_____ Senior Citizen Membership (Age 65 or Older) -- \$8

_____ Student Membership (Age 18 or younger) --\$5

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Jack Reddall, Editor

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 P.M., DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NO REGULAR DFO MEETING UNTIL WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1988!

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***** COLORADO BIRD REPORT - 423-5582 *****

MAY 1988 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- MAY 1, Sunday. Boulder Area: Boulder Creek, Walden Ponds, Hiram Prince Reservoir & Union Reservoir (BLD). Leader: Norm Erthal. Observers: Marta Deutman, Jim & Barbara Faye, Pearl Jordan, Helen Williams. (Wind, 0-25 MPH; 50°-70°). 90 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (62 species, 1346 individuals).
- 3, Tuesday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCK). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, NE 0-10 MPH; 30°-56°). 27 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. 10 hours birding. (81 species, 1312 individuals).
- 6-8, Friday P.M. through Sunday. San Luis Valley: San Luis Lake SWA, Alamosa NWR, Monte Vista NWR, Hot Creek SWA, Conejos River, Rito Hondo, Rio Grande Canyon, Wild Horse Mesa (SLV). Observer: Dan Bridges. (Friday P.M.: Dust storm; Wind, 20-50 MPH; Saturday & Sunday: Sunny; Wind, 10-30 MPH; 35°-65°). 765 miles by car, 15 miles on foot. 23 hours birding. (107 species, 2691 individuals).
- 7, Saturday. Hudson to Prospect Pond and the Rigli Ranch and surrounding areas (RIG). Leader: Joe Rigli. Observers: Jack & Fran Benham, Ruth Breckon, Bill Brockner, Ann Oberg, Joe Scott, Don Shrode, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; Wind SW 0-10 MPH; 50°-68°). 86 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (47 species, 799 individuals).

- MAY 8, Sunday. Waterton (WT). Leader: David Gulbenkian. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Virginia Bleck, Tom & Virginia Faxon, Lisa Hardy, Jean Maguire, Anne Southcott, Mort Staatz, Joe TenBrink, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Wind, 5-20 MPH; 60°). 4 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (42 species, 206 individuals).
- 14, Saturday. Denver Audubon Society's "BIRD-A-THON": Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Castlewood Canyon S.P., Chatfield SRA, Henry's Lake, Morrison, Red Rocks Park, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Barr Lake S.P., Prospect Reservoir and farm ponds east (BAT). Observer: Kathy Hawkins. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, NW 0-20 MPH; 45°-80°). 239 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 15.25 hours birding. (100 species, 2654 individuals).
- 14-15, Saturday & Sunday. ANNUAL SPRING COUNT (SPCT). (151 species, 10536 individuals). Refer to the Supplement to this Lark Bunting for complete details.
- 21, Saturday. Highline Canal, McLellan Reservoir, Plum Creek, Daniels Park (HC). Leader: Lynn Willcockson. Observers: Paul Hess, Hazel Kellogg, John Hannum, Patricia McCall, Keith McDonald, Thompson Marsh, Ira Sanders, Tim Schowalter, Ruth Wheeler, Liz Willcockson. (Partly cloudy to cloudy; Wind, calm in A.M., strong in P.M.; 45°-50°). 45 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 6.5 hours birding. (47 species, 257 individuals).
- 21-22, Saturday & Sunday. Bonny Reservoir & Hale Ponds, Yuma County (BNY). Leader: Bob Righter. Observers: Mel & Vera Gabel, Bob & Shirley Spencer, Virgil & Inez Williams, Ted & Charlie Stockmar. (Heavy rain, occasional hail; Wind, gusting to 50 MPH; 40°-50°). 60 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 15 hours birding. (94 species, 2126 individuals).
- 28, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (GB). Leader: Diana Mullineaux. Observers: Marguerite Brockmeyer, Alan & Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Irving Jackson, Jinnie Kent, Don Mullineaux, Lee & Marilyn Rowe, Sam & Harriet Rubenstein, Joe & Deb Sekich, Virgil Williams, Al Wudell. (Clear; Wind, calm; 70°-80°). 2.5 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (36 species, 219 individuals).

MAY 1988 FIELD TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

. . . or perhaps "Lowlights". Certainly lackluster. Six scheduled DFO field trips along with three individual field trips plus the Annual Spring Count (seven different areas covered) accounted for 191 species during May. This year's Annual Spring Count recorded 151 different species, far better than last year's 128 species. However, in May of 1987 when there were also six scheduled DFO field trips, no individual reports of field trips and the worst Annual Spring Count in recent memory, a total of 203 species were reported (thanks to a large degree to a field trip to the Grand Junction area). And remember how last year many of us observers were heard lamenting how poorly the spring migration had gone? Well certainly the 1988 spring migration fared just as poorly (probably poorer). It is interesting to comment on the number of species we didn't see plus the incredibly low numbers of some of the birds that were found. One Snowy Egret all month (Spring Count)! Zero Cattle Egrets! Ditto for Green-backed Herons! Ruddy Ducks, a fairly common breeder in eastern Colorado, were reported in extremely low numbers-maxima: 24 from the seven reporting areas on the Spring Count. Only two Broad-winged Hawks all month-on the 21-22 at Bonny SRA in Yuma County. Just two Golden Eagles were counted during May, both from Waterton Canyon on the 8th and none were seen on the Spring Count. And shorebirds! They are never found in great numbers during a normal spring due to high water levels in the reservoirs and lakes. This year was no different from most others in that respect. They just didn't appear in good numbers. Burrowing Owls: just three reported all month! Only 8

Broad-tailed Hummingbirds with but two observed on the Spring Count. Flycatchers: One Olive-sided (Spring Count) and but 9 Western Wood-Pewees. "Empidonax": Zero Willow Flycatchers! Only two Least Flycatchers (Bonny SRA), zero Hammond's, two Dusky, one Western - and that was it! One Canyon Wren was reported for the entire month and none on the Spring Count! This is a resident bird in the Denver area. No American Dippers were reported. Gray Catbird: just four reported and only one on the Spring Count (12 in 1987). Red-eyed Vireo: none reported. Warblers also very poor. Three Orange-crowns all month (one of our more reliable spring migrants). Very low numbers for Virginia's Warblers, a common breeder in the Denver area. Just four American Redstarts, another local breeder. No Northern Waterthrushes! Only two MacGillivray's Warblers and one Wilson's Warbler. Certainly not a "Fall-out" year. Some of the Sparrows also made a poor showing. Clay-colored, a common spring migrant: but four at Bonny Reservoir on the 21-22. Brewer's Sparrow, a common local breeder: eight reported. Zero Field Sparrows. Five Lincoln's Sparrows (all on the Spring Count). White-throated Sparrows: Zero! Low numbers for White-crowned Sparrows (only 14 on the Spring Count). And so it goes. Are we losing our birds? One has to wonder.

On the plus side of the ledger: A single, immature (?) Red-shouldered Hawk was reported on the Spring Count (May 14) from Chatfield SRA with sketchy details submitted on this difficult to identify bird. One Long-eared Owl on May 15 around the Barr Lake Periphery (Spring Count) was a good find. One Yellow-throated Vireo, very rare anywhere in Colorado, was reported near the shore of Main Reservoir on the Spring Count (May 14). Details again were sketchy and the written report was somewhat confusing as to who and how many people actually saw and identified the bird. Similarly appearing species were not eliminated. A single Chestnut-sided Warbler and a single Magnolia Warbler were seen on the May 21-22 trip to the Bonny Reservoir area. Also reported on this trip was a single Blackpoll Warbler. That was it for the warblers. One Rose-breasted Grosbeak was counted on the Barr Lake Spring Count (May 15) and another was observed on the May 21 field trip along the Highline Canal-Daniels Park area. And finally, for you listers out there, there was a report of a Green Parakeet on May 14 in the Lakeridge area of Lakewood in Jefferson County (only listers are allowed to count this bird!). Incidentally, speaking of listers. Stay tuned. In a future issue of the Lark Bunting complete and accurate directions to all of the escaped exotics now roaming southern Florida will be provided. Most of these exotics are not acceptable by AOU or ABA standards so you listers can really get a jump on your life lists by "ticking-off" these specialties from the Sunshine State.

MAY 1988	1	3	6-8	7	8	14	14-	21	21-	28
AREA COVERED	BLD	CCK	SLV	RIG	WT	BAT	SPCT	HC	BNY	GB
LIFE ZONES VISITED	PLN	PLN	HMV	PLN	PL	P/F	PLFH	PF	PLN	PL
Common Loon							1			
Pied-billed Grebe	2	1	6			9	18			
Horned Grebe							2			
Eared Grebe		13	55			1	15			
Western Grebe		35	11			45	92			1
Clark's Grebe	2	1				1	4	1		
American White Pelican	1			375		28	95		39	
Double-crested Cormorant	2	30			1	186	360	3	18	1
American Bittern							3			
Great Blue Heron	10	16		2	8	82	227		12	
Great Egret	1									
Snowy Egret							1			
Black-crowned Night-Heron		5	5			4	42			2
White-faced Ibis	8	16	5			3	81			

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LIFE ZONE VISITED	PLN	PLN	HMV	PLN	PL	P/F	PLFH	PF	PLN	PL
Canada Goose	20	40	75	5	1	34	349	6		21
Wood Duck						3	11	1	5	
Green-winged Teal	8	20	7			12	45		3	
Mallard	40	45	130	6	5	85	367	6	20	52
Northern Pintail	1		50	2		15	87		1	
Blue-winged Teal	5	20	6			12	76		20	
Cinnamon Teal	20	15	90			16	56			
Northern Shoveler	35	35	100			30	150		15	
Gadwall	30	40	100	4		38	155		2	
American Wigeon	20	3	5	2		6	27		1	
Redhead	25		40			3	86			
Ring-necked Duck	24		2			6	3			
Lesser Scaup	5	6	10			5	16			3
Bufflehead	4		12			1	9			
Common Merganser			10			4	3			
Ruddy Duck		3	50			1	24		22	
Turkey Vulture	1	1	6			33	23	3	8	
Osprey							1		1	
Bald Eagle							1			
Northern Harrier	3	1pr	2	1		3	16		4	
Sharp-shinned Hawk							1			
Cooper's Hawk			1		1		2	1		
Red-shouldered Hawk							1im			
Broad-winged Hawk									2	
Swainson's Hawk	4	7	2	2N	1	8	18		8	
Red-tailed Hawk			1						4	
"Western" races		2		1N		6	13			
Ferruginous Hawk		1ad		2N					2	
Golden Eagle					2					
American Kestrel	5	3	6	1	2	12	21	4	3	
Prairie Falcon			1				1			
Ring-necked Pheasant		8	2			3	3		15	
Virginia Rail			1-H				3		1	
Sora		2-H				1-H	4			
American Coot	50	6	350			65	157		1	1
Black-bellied Plover							5			
Semipalmated Plover	2	1								
Killdeer	30	12	15	10	1	27	86	5	10	
Mountain Plover			3							
American Avocet	36		100	50		23	42			
Greater Yellowlegs			2							
Lesser Yellowlegs	2									
Solitary Sandpiper		1					1			
Willet		1	1			9	1			
Spotted Sandpiper	1	3	2		1	10	41		12	3
Upland Sandpiper									2	
Long-billed Curlew				1fK						
Semipalmated Sandpiper				8						
Western Sandpiper	2	3		?		3				
Least Sandpiper		14					3			
Baird's Sandpiper	16	1					3			
Stilt Sandpiper						1				

MAY 1988 AREA COVERED LIFE ZONE VISITED	1 BLD PLN	3 CCK PLN	6-8 SLV HNV	7 RIG PLN	8 WT PL	14 BAT P/F	14- 15 SPCT PLFH	21 HC PF	21- 22 BNY PLN	28 GB PL
Long-billed Dowitcher	10	9	90	26		18	102			
Common Snipe		2	1			14	4		1	
Wilson's Phalarope	30	10	150			29	134		5	
Franklin's Gull	10	5				2	11	30	5	
Bonaparte's Gull		1im								
Ring-billed Gull	26	20		70	10	27	35		2	1
California Gull	30	90				6	31			
Herring Gull		1		2		1				
Forster's Tern	5	10					6		1	
Black Tern						12	26		30	
Rock Dove	25	2	1	5	10	23	74		2	2
Mourning Dove	12	8	35	15		38	205	3	60	5
Eastern Screech-Owl										2
Great Horned Owl	4	2ad	1	9		2	22		2	
Burrowing Owl						2			1	
Long-eared Owl							1			
Common Nighthawk									2	
Common Poorwill							1-H			
White-throated Swift			15			50	5			
Broad-tailed Hummingbird						6	2			
Belted Kingfisher		2	1		2		15	1	2	1
Lewis' Woodpecker			1				2			
Red-headed Woodpecker									18	
Williamson's Sapsucker			4							
Downy Woodpecker			1		3	1	20	1	2	4
Hairy Woodpecker			1			2	2		1	
Northern Flicker	6								20	6
"Red-shafted" race		5	20		1	24	62			
Olive-sided Flycatcher							1			
Western Wood-Pewee							7		1	2
Least Flycatcher									2	
Dusky Flycatcher			2							
Western Flycatcher					1					
Empidonax species							1			
Say's Phoebe		1	9				4			
Western Kingbird			1	7		3	77	5	60	
Eastern Kingbird						2	28	2	20	
Horned Lark			30	30		50	34		20	
Tree Swallow	30	20	165			8	73	1	15	
Violet-green Swallow			40		7	40	41	21		
No. Rough-winged Swallow		15	2		1	14	46	2	30	
Bank Swallow		15					2		8	
Cliff Swallow	10	60	20	1		92	310	25	150	
Barn Swallow	110	150	15	12	20	22	137	18	60	
Steller's Jay			12			3	1			
Blue Jay		1					9			
Scrub Jay	1				2		10	1		
Pinyon Jay			45							
Clark's Nutcracker			7							
Black-billed Magpie	25	35	10	3	6	45	185	8	6	12
American Crow	8				6		10			
Common Raven			16			5	5			
Black-capped Chickadee	5	2	4		5	12	39	3	6	3
Mountain Chickadee			18			6	13			

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Bushtit			10							
Red-breasted Nuthatch			2				6			
White-breasted Nuthatch			4				2			
Pygmy Nuthatch			8							
Brown Creeper			7							
Rock Wren			25	1		2	9			
Canyon Wren			1							
House Wren		3	3	1	10	35	154	6	35	2
Marsh Wren	1		2							
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			7				1		1	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		1	4			1	3			
Western Bluebird			12				2	2		
Mountain Bluebird			7				17	11		
Townsend's Solitaire			7							
Swainson's Thrush							20		100	1
Hermit Thrush			2	1			1			
American Robin	20	15	70	1	10	55	304	4	60	7
Gray Catbird							1		3	
Northern Mockingbird							1		1	
Sage Thrasher			4							
Brown Thrasher							8		8	
Water Pipit		25		4			1			
Cedar Waxwing							20		30	
Loggerhead Shrike			1	1N					2	
European Starling	110	50	35	6	20	82	441	6	?	15
Solitary Vireo							7			
Yellow-throated Vireo							1			
Warbling Vireo						2	8		6	
Orange-crowned Warbler			2				1			
Virginia's Warbler			1			9	9		1	
Yellow Warbler			5		2	12	141	6	80	2
Chestnut-sided Warbler									1	
Magnolia Warbler									1	
Yellow-rumped Warbler			6						2	
"Myrtle" race		3		2	6		2			
"Audubon's" race			18	6	20	6	25			
Blackpoll Warbler									1	
American Redstart							2			2
MacGillivray's Warbler							1		1	
Common Yellowthroat						10	37		40	1
Wilson's Warbler			1							
Yellow-breasted Chat			1				18	1	2	
Western Tanager					1	1	22	1	1	3
Rose-breasted Grosbeak							1	1		
Black-headed Grosbeak						5	5	2		
Lazuli Bunting	1				2		23	2		
Indigo Bunting							2		1	
Dickcissel									2	
Green-tailed Towhee		1	5	3		1	5			
Rufous-sided Towhee					6	28	76		1	
"Spotted" races								2		
Chipping Sparrow		2	25	2	2	8	127		40	5
Clay-colored Sparrow									4	
Brewer's Sparrow			4	2			2			

MAY 1988	1	3	6-8	7	8	14	14-	15	21	21-	28
AREA COVERED	BLD	CCK	SLV	RIG	WT	BAT	SPCT	HC	BNY	GB	
LIFE ZONE VISITED	PLN	PLN	HMV	PLN	PL	P/F	PLFH	PF	PLN	PL	
Vesper Sparrow		25	20	4		60	32	2	3		
Lark Sparrow			1	3			6		60		
Lark Bunting		1ma	1ma	14		262	177		15		
Savannah Sparrow		6					19		2		
Grasshopper Sparrow			1						3		
Song Sparrow		8	25		1	12	69	1		6	
Lincoln's Sparrow							5				
White-crowned Sparrow		10	7	6	4		14		3		
Dark-eyed Junco											
"Oregon" race			2								
"Gray-headed" race			35			12					
Red-winged Blackbird	80	125	165	17	6	190	1720	3	500	18	
Western Meadowlark	20	50	6	10	10	84	170	2	100		
Yellow-headed Blackbird	80	15	70			65	1242		60	5	
Brewer's Blackbird	10	10	50			14	15	4			
Common Grackle	150	25		22	5	95	285	3	80	6	
Brown-headed Cowbird		10	14		2	24	80	6	30		
Orchard Oriole									30		
Northern Oriole									15	8	
"Bullock's" race						5	59	4			
House Finch	30	20	4		1	65	129			6	
Red Crossbill							11				
Pine Siskin	2	2				28	89	9	8		
Lesser Goldfinch							1				
American Goldfinch		2		1	1	12	68	12	30	1	
Evening Grosbeak	5				2	6	33	14		1	
House Sparrow	75	15	30	40		80	162	2		8	
TOTAL SPECIES-191	62	81	107	47	41	100	151	47	94	36	

ABBREVIATIONS & NOTES: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i;
 Heard only=H; Nesting observed=N; Roadkill=K;
 Pair=pr; Plains=PLN,PL,P; Foothills=FH,F; High
 Mountain Valleys=HMV.

ADDITIONAL MAY 1988 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

American Bittern 5-11 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR).
 Great Egret 5-25 (1) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (AH).
 Cattle Egret 5-26 (1) Lower Latham Reservoir (AH).
 Blue Grouse 5-1 (1, found dead, apparent window kill) 4 miles east of Vail,
 Eagle Co. (TS).
 Northern Bobwhite 5-16 (1) Crow Valley Campground, Briggsdale, Weld Co. (AH).
 Black-bellied Plover 5-11 (12) Nee Grande Reservoir, Kiowa Co. (TJ).
 Mountain Plover 5-16 (2) along Co. Rd. 45 between Co. Rds. 114 & 122, Weld
 Co. (AH).
 Whimbrel 5-11 (9) Nee Grande Reservoir (TJ).
 Hudsonian Godwit 5-5 (2) farm pond NE of Prospect Reservoir, Weld Co. (KH).
 Long-toed Stint 5-22 (1) Navy Town Beach, Attu Is., Alaska (DB, HH, JR, DS).
 White-rumped Sandpiper 5-25 (1) & 5-26 (1) Lower Latham Reservoir (AH).
 Thayer's Gull 5-11 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
 Black-legged Kittiwake 5-21 (1 adult) intake canal, Lower Latham Reservoir-
 superb color photographs obtained (JT).
 Black Tern 5-11 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
 Great Crested Flycatcher 5-26 (1) Julesburg (rest stop), Sedgwick Co. (NE).
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 5-26 (1 female) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan Co. (NE).

ADDITIONAL MAY 1988 REPORTS (continued)

Scrub Jay 5-14 (1, at feeder) Evans & Colorado Blvd., Denver (TJ).
Black-and-white Warbler 5-11 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (JT).
Prothonotary Warbler 5-10 (1) 100 yards downstream from Kingfisher Bridge,
Chatfield SRA-written documentation submitted (JT).
McCown's Longspur 5-16 (6) Murphy's Pasture, Pawnee National Grassland, Weld
Co. (AH).
Chestnut-collared Longspur 5-16 (9) Central Plains Experimental Range, Paw-
nee National Grassland, Weld Co. (AH).
Great-tailed Grackle 5-7 (1 male) Bent's Old Fort (marsh), Otero Co. (BR);
5-20 (1) Bromley Lane @ Picadilly Rd., Adams Co. (JT).
Evening Grosbeak From 4-24 through 5-18 (20) at feeder, Evans & Colorado
Blvd., Denver (TJ). Many other Denver area observers have reported Even-
ing Grosbeaks in town during May-Ed.

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The Colorado Bird Observatory is beginning work on an ornithological library. If you would like to contribute your back issues of ornithological journals to this library, call Mike Carter at 659-1160 during the day. We are particularly interested in obtaining back issues of the CFO Journal, The Lark Bunting, The Auk, Condor, Wilson Bulletin, Journal of Field Ornithology, and North American Bird Bander. The Observatory will also receive matched money for the value of your journals from the Colorado Division of Wildlife if contributed by July 1, 1988. Your journals are valued at the back issue price as if the observatory had to buy them.

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Anyone interested in volunteering at the Denver Museum of Natural History in the Archives should contact Kris Hagland at 370-6361. Volunteers are needed to help to organize documentation received in connection with past years' Annual Christmas Bird Counts from the Rocky Mountain region. Also needed are volunteers to check Alfred M. Bailey's field notes for eventual computerization. These field notes are extensive and cover the years from 1913 to 1972.

COLORADO NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

The Colorado Native Plant Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the appreciation and conservation of Colorado native flora. Participation in all activities is open to all persons who are interested.

CALENDAR FOR 1988

JUNE 25, Saturday. Pikes Peak Mistletoe/Conifers Field Trip. Leader: Frank Hawksworth. Call Jeff Dawson (722-6758) for registration/information.

JULY 16 or 17. Florissant Wildflower Photography Field Trip. Leaders: Mary Edwards & Bill Jennings. Call Jeff Dawson (722-6758) for registration/information.

JULY 23 & 24, Saturday & Sunday. Hoosier Ridge Area Botany Search for Eutrema penlandii Field Trip. Leader: Tamara Naumann. Call Jeff Dawson (722-6758) for registration.

SEPT. 10, Saturday. Edibility and Uses of Colorado Plants Workshop. To be held at the Denver Botanic Gardens. Instructor: Tina Jones. Members \$5/Non-members \$10. Call Bill Jennings (494-5159) for registration/information.

SEPT. 24, Saturday. Identification and Taxonomy of Aquatic Plants Workshop. To be held at Colorado State University. Instructor: Dr. Richard Walter. Members \$8/Non-members \$16. Call Bill Jennings (494-5159) for registration/information.

OCT. 1, Saturday. Colorado Native Plant Society Annual Meeting. Call Eleanor Von Bargaen (756-1400) for information.

NOV. 5, Saturday. Colorado Penstamens and Their Identification Workshop. To be held at Foothills Nature Center. Instructor: Gwen Kelaidis. Members \$8/Non-members \$16. Call Bill Jennings (494-5159) for registration/information.

DEC. 10, Saturday. Sedges, Their Characteristics and Identification Workshop. To be held at the Colorado School of Mines. Instructor: Dr. David Cooper. Members \$8/Non-members \$16. Call Bill Jennings (494-5159) for registration/information.

Call Tina Jones (759-9701) for more information and meeting schedules for THE COLORADO NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY.

REPORTS FROM "TUESDAY BIRDERS"

MAY 3, REYNOLDS OPEN SPACE PARK, TOWN OF SOUTH PLATTE, PROPOSED TWO FORKS DAM SITE AND STRONTIA LAKE. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 24

Turkey Vulture-1, Golden Eagle-1, Broad-tailed Hummingbird-2, Northern Flicker-2, Steller's Jay-3, Black-billed Magpie-1, American Crow-1, Common Raven-2, Black-capped Chickadee-1, Mountain Chickadee-4, Red-breasted Nuthatch-1, American Dipper-1, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher-1, American Robin-17, Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon"-30, Song Sparrow-2, Dark-eyed Junco-5, Brown-headed Cowbird-1. (18 species, 76 individuals).

MAY 10, CHATFIELD SRA. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 40

Western Grebe-1, Double-crested Cormorant-19, Great Blue Heron-18, White-faced Ibis-23, Canada Goose-19, Wood Duck-6, Mallard-11, Blue-winged Teal-2, Cinnamon Teal-1, Northern Shoveler-7, Common Merganser-1 & nest in tree, Northern Harrier-1, Red-tailed Hawk-1, Am. Kestrel-3, Killdeer-2, Wilson's Phalarope-2, Franklin's Gull-3, Ring-billed Gull-45, Mourning Dove-3, Great Horned Owl-4 (3 fledglings sitting in a row on a limb and a female adult), Belted Kingfisher-1, Downy Woodpecker-2, Northern Flicker-7, Western Kingbird-1, Tree Swallow-2, No. Rough-w Shallow-8, Cliff Swallow-85, Barn Swallow-95, Black-billed Magpie-19, American Crow-2, Black-capped Chickadee-8, House Wren-21, American Robin-18, European Starling-39, Yellow Warbler-17, Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon"-7, Prothonotary Warbler-1, Co. Yellowthroat-1, Yellow-breasted Chat-1, Western Tanager-1, Rufus-S Towhee-1, Chipping Sparrow-5, Song Sparrow-2, Lincoln's Sparrow-1, White-crowned Sparrow-5, Red-winged Blackbird-65, Western Meadowlark-15, Common Grackle-15, Brown-hd Cowbird-1, Northern Oriole "Bullock's"-2, Pine Siskin-7, American Goldfinch-5, Evening Grosbeak-15, Mandarin Duck(M)-1 (along Deer Creek). (54 species, 648 individuals)

MAY 17, TOWER ROAD/I-70 TO HORSE CREEK RES., PROSPECT RES., BARR LAKE S.P. and routes in between. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 27.

Pied-billed Grebe-1, Western Grebe-4, Am. White Pelican-12, Double-crested Cormorant-6, Great Blue Heron-8, Great Egret-1, White-faced Ibis-6, Canada Goose-12, Mallard-5, Northern Pintail-2, Blue-winged Teal-6, Cinnamon Teal-6, Northern Shoveler-4, Gadwall-6, Bald Eagle (on nest)-1, Northern Harrier-2, Swainson's Hawk-3, Red-tailed Hawk-2, Am. Kestrel-2, American Coot-1, Black-bellied Plover-1, Killdeer-8, American Avocet-9, Willet-1, Spotted Sandpiper-3, Long-billed Dowitcher-5, Wilson's Phalarope-8, Ring-billed Gull-1, Forster's Tern-3, Rock Dove-5, Mourning Dove-23, Great Horned Owl-2 and 1 owlet, Northern Flicker-1, Say's Phoebe-1, Western Kingbird-10, Eastern Kingbird-12, Horned Lark-28, Cliff Swallow-12, Barn Swallow-26, Black-billed Magpie-4, American Crow-1, Black-capped Chickadee-4, House Wren-1, American Robin-2, Northern Mockingbird-1, European Starling-12, Yellow-Warbler-2, Chipping Sparrow-1, Vesper Sparrow-2, Lark Bunting-28, Red-winged Blackbird-36, Western Meadowlark-20, Yellow-Hd Blackbird-16, Brewer's Blackbird-2, Common Grackle-10, Orchard Oriole-1, Northern Oriole "Bullock's"-2, House Finch-1, House Sparrow-33. (59 species, 429 individuals).

Tuesday Birders-cont.

MAY 24, LOWER WHITE RANCH. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 27.

Mallard-2, Red-tailed Hawk-2, Northern Flicker-2, Blue Jay-1, Black-billed Magpie-6, Black-capped Chickadee-25, Ruby-crowned Kinglet-1, American Robin-6, European Starling-7, Yellow-rumped Warbler-4, Yellow-breasted Chat-4, Western Tanager-8, Black-headed Grosbeak-2, Blue Grosbeak-1, Lazuli Bunting-9, Green-tailed Towhee-1, Rufus-S Towhee-5, Chipping Sparrow-1, Vesper Sparrow-2, Lark Sparrow-1, Lark Bunting-1, Savannah Sparrow-1, Western Meadowlark-9, Brewer's Blackbird-2, Brown-hd Cowbird-2, Northern Oriole "Bullock's"-3, American Goldfinch-2. (27 species, 110 individuals).

MAY 25, WEDNESDAY, CHATFIELD ARBORETUM. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: Ann Bonnell, Wanda Dudek, Cheryl Venette.

Pied-billed Grebe-2, Great Blue Heron-8, White-faced Ibis-1, Canada Goose-15, Mallard-7, Blue-winged Teal-2, Cinnamon Teal-2, Northern Shoveler-2, Am. Kestrel-1, Virginia Rail-2, American Coot-2, Killdeer-9, Spotted Sandpiper-1, Common Snipe-2, Wilson's Phalarope-4, Mourning Dove-4, Great Horned Owl-2 plus 2 owlets, Cliff Swallow-150, Barn Swallow-50, Black-billed Magpie-5, House Wren-5, Thrush sps.-1, American Robin-12, European Starling-1, Yellow-rumped Warbler-15, Western Tanager-1, Rubus-S Towhee-1, Red-winged Blackbird-6, Western Meadowlark-7, Yell-hd Blackbird-27, Common Grackle-6, Brown-hd Cowbird-2, Northern Oriole "Bullock's"-3, American Goldfinch-3. (34 species, 363 individuals).

MAY 31, STAPLETON PARK, BRAILLE TRAIL. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 32.

Red-tailed Hawk-1, Bd-tl Hummingbird-16, Northern Flicker-2, Western Wood-pewee-4, Least Flycatcher-2, Western Flycatcher-5, Violet-green Swallow-2, Black-capped Chickadee-2, Pygmy Nuthatch-6, Brown Creeper-2 (making nest), Golden-cr Kinglet-7, Mountain Bluebird-6 (nest in post), Townsend's Solitaire-3, Swainson's Thrush-1, Hermit Thrush-1, American Robin-2, Warbling Vireo-4, Yellow Warbler-1, Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's"-3, Western Tanager-1, Green-tailed Towhee-1, Chipping Sparrow-12, Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed"-3, Common Grackle-3, Brown-hd Cowbird-3, Cassin's Finch-7, House Finch-2, Pine Siskin-26, Evening Grosbeak-27. (29 species, 153 individuals).

Monna Krebs (compiler)

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY 1988

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List (1983, 1985 & 1987) order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111. PLEASE NOTE: Submitting Field Trip summaries in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List order saves the Editor considerable time and trouble since his worksheets are laid out in

this manner. There are several Field Check-Lists currently in circulation, some of which are out-of-date. Field Trip Leaders are requested to use "The Field Check-List of Birds of Eastern Colorado" (10-82) to compile and submit results of their Field Trips. This Check-List can be obtained at regular monthly meetings of the DFO (free to Leaders).

2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered by car and on foot and duration of the trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "Color Morphs" (e.g., Snow Goose-"White" morph vs. "Blue" morph) and/or subspecies (e.g., Northern Oriole-"Baltimore" race vs. "Bullock's" race) with your summary.
4. On Field Trips where more than one Life Zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species found in each Life Zone (e.g., Plains, Foothills, Mountains, Alpine).
5. Individual Field Trips are acceptable and will be published along with the results of regularly scheduled DFO Field Trips depending upon space and interest.
6. Deadline for receipt of all Field Trip Reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the Monthly Summaries.
7. Please notify the Editor (Jack Reddall - Tel. 771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

PLEASE CALL THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT AT 423-5582 BEFORE GOING ON A FIELD TRIP
TO DETERMINE IF THERE HAVE BEEN ANY LAST MINUTE CHANGES IN SCHEDULING.

JULY 2 & 3, Saturday and Sunday. NORTH PARK, ARAPAHO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AND COLORADO STATE FOREST. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet leader at 9:00 A.M. at Safeway Parking Lot in Fraser for birding along the way. Camp about one mile north of town (primitive) or stay North Park Motel (1-723-4271).

- 4, Monday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Prospect Lake, West 44th Avenue near Robb. Half day trip.
- 6, Wednesday. GOLDEN GATE CANYON STATE PARK. Leader: Alan Hay (422-0239). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Berkeley Senior Center in Berkeley Park, 46th Avenue east of Sheridan. *
- 9, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Walt Bull (751-1032). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at North Parking Lot, Denver Museum of Natural History. *
- 10, Sunday. REYNOLDS PARK, CONIFER & PINE. Leader: Mel Gabel (674-6270). Carpool at 7:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (south-west section near Burlington Coat Factory) at South Sheridan Blvd. north of Hampden Avenue (U.S. Hwy. 285) or meet Leader at 8:00 A.M. at Old Highlander Inn, Conifer. *
- 16, Saturday. CHATFIELD SRA. Leader: Phil Hayes (232-7421). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at Park-N-Ride, west side of Wadsworth Blvd. south of U.S. Hwy. 285 (Hampden Avenue) or at 6:45 A.M. at west entrance to Chatfield SRA. *
- 17, Sunday. JEFFERSON, PARK COUNTY, GEORGIA PASS AND HACK RANCH. Leader: Carol Hack (777-7893). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center at 7:00 A.M., South Sheridan Bld. No. of Hampden (U.S. Hwy. 285) south-west section near Burlington Coat Factory. Meet Leader at 8:30 A.M. at the gas station in Jefferson. *

- JULY 23, Saturday. PLAINS CONSERVATION CENTER. Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the North Parking Lot at Denver Museum of Natural History. *
- 24, Sunday. COAL CREEK CANYON, ELDORA, WONDERVU AREA. Leader: Duane Nelson (642-7109). Meet Leader at 8:00 A.M. at Coal Creek Food Store about 7½ miles west on Colorado Hwy. 72 from junction with Colorado Hwy. 93. *
- 30, Saturday. FILLIUS PARK, SQUAW MOUNTAIN & ECHO LAKE. Leader: Mort Staatz (279-6169). Meet Leader at 7:15 A.M. at the North Parking Lot, I-70 and Morrison exit. *
- 30&31, Saturday and Sunday. NORTHEASTERN COLORADO: TAMARACK RANCH SWA, RED LION SWA, JUMBO RESERVOIR (Saturday); TAMARACK RANCH SWA, PREWITT RESERVOIR SWA & MUIR SPRINGS PARK (Sunday). Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet Leader on Saturday at 6:30 A.M. at the Hunter Check Station at Tamarack Ranch SWA (½ mile north from Crook exit on I-76). Camping at Tamarack Ranch SWA (at Hunter Check Station). Nearest motels are in Sterling and Julesburg. Also camping at Jumbo Reservoir.

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FIELD TRIP COORDINATORS

TUESDAY BIRDERS. You are welcome to join a group of birders on each Tuesday of the month. Call Ann Bonnell (979-6211) for details.

LARK BUNTING SUPPLEMENT - ANNUAL SPRING COUNT 1988

Kathy Hawkins, compiler

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1988

Waterton (WT). Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Rita Livezey, Todd Myers, Sally Plummer, Dick Pratt, Cheryl Scott, Fern Seifert, Steve Stachowiak, Al Wudell. (Clear; warm). 8 hours, 16 miles. (77 species, 561 individuals).

Chatfield SRA (CSR). Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Patty Echelmeyer, Bill Fink, Marilyn Hackett, Lisa Hardy, Ed Holub, Beth Meyer, Diana Mullineaux, Dick Pautsch, Tim Showalter, Mort Staatz, Ellie Walker, Virgil Williams. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, 0-10 MPH; 53°-85°). 15 miles. 9.5 hours. (77 species, 961 individuals).

Lower Bear Creek & Marston Reservoir (LBC). Leader: Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Bobby Ausfahl, Bill Brockner, Marc Goodbody, Al & Dee Hay, Hazel Kellogg, Bob Righter, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny to partly cloudy; Wind, 0-5 MPH; 52°-76°). 9.5 hours. 68 miles. (80 species, 2088 individuals).

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 1988

Barr Lake Periphery (BLPY). Leader: Walt Bull. Observers: Ruth Bull, Tim Showalter. (Clear; Wind, 0-15 MPH; 50°-76°). 8 hours. 67.5 miles. 67.5 miles. (72 species, 3775 individuals).

Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Norm Erthal, David & Martha Gulbenkian, Todd Myers, Dick Pautsch, Vic Zerbi. (Clear; Wind, 0-5 MPH; 55°-80°). 10 hours. 15 miles (4 on bicycle). (78 species, 1591 individuals).

Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCK). Leader: Bob Righter. Observers: Patty Echelmeyer, Bill Fix, Sandra Franzen, Kathy Kelly, Jean Maguire, Jean Marie Maher. (Sunny; Wind, 0-10 MPH; 80°). 9.5 hours. 13 miles. (87 species, 1044 individuals).

Castlewood Canyon State Park (CW). Leader: Randy Lentz. Observers: Brenda Cockrell, Joey Kellner. (Sunny; Wind, 0-5 MPH; 45°-85°). 12 hours. 8 miles. (59 species, 516 individuals).

MAY AREA COVERED LIFE ZONE VISITED	14 WT PL	14 CSR PLN	14 LBC PLN	15 BLPY PLNS	15 BARR PLNS	15 CCK PLN	15 CW FH	COUNT TOTAL
Common Loon			1					1
Pied-billed Grebe	2		6	8	1	1		18
Horned Grebe						2		2
Eared Grebe		2		1	2	10		15
Western Grebe		11	12	10	39	20		92
Clark's Grebe		1			2	1		4
American White Pelican				71	24			95
Double-crested Cormorant	8	245	56	18	17	16		360
American Bittern				2		1		3
Great Blue Heron	8	151	14	27	8	15	4	227
Snowy Egret				1				1
Black-crowned Night-Heron		1	2	4	32	3		42
White-faced Ibis		19	1	45	10	6		81
Canada Goose	8	38	174	72	32	25		349

MAY AREA COVERED LIFE ZONE VISITED	14 WT PL	14 CSR PLN	14 LBC PLN	15 BLPY PLNS	15 BARR PLNS	15 CCK PLN	15 CW FH	COUNT TOTAL
Wood Duck	7	4						11
Green-winged Teal	4	5	10	18		8		45
Mallard	15	21	85	79	150	13	4	367
Northern Pintail				69	18			87
Blue-winged Teal	6	3	5	35	6	21		76
Cinnamon Teal	8		10	21	8	8	1	56
Northern Shoveler	6	11	3	70	46	14		150
Gadwall	3		18	94	30	10		155
American Wigeon			1	20	6			27
Redhead			15	50	21			86
Ring-necked Duck	2		1					3
Lesser Scaup	4		2	2	8			16
Bufflehead	5		1			3		9
Common Merganser	1	2						3
Ruddy Duck			1		14	9		24
Turkey Vulture	2	2				1	18	23
Osprey		1						1
Bald Eagle					1			1
Northern Harrier	1	1		4	2	8		16
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1						1
Cooper's Hawk	1						1	2
Red-shouldered Hawk		1						1
Swainson's Hawk	1		4	7	3	2	1	18
Red-tailed Hawk								
"Western" races	3	1	6			1	2	13
American Kestrel	2	3	4	6		2	4	21
Prairie Falcon	1							1
Ring-necked Pheasant						3		3
Virginia Rail					1	2		3
Sora		1				3		4
American Coot	3	2	63	17	58	14		157
Black-bellied Plover				5				5
Killdeer	3	12	20	29	8	14		86
American Avocet				35		7		42
Solitary Sandpiper		1						1
Willet				1				1
Spotted Sandpiper	2	5	3	2	9	20		41
Least Sandpiper						3		3
Baird's Sandpiper				3				3
Long-billed Dowitcher		2		89	8	3		102
Common Snipe		1			2	1		4
Wilson's Phalarope	16	2	7	83	23	3		134
Franklin's Gull					5	6		11
Ring-billed Gull		14	13	4		4		35
California Gull		4	9		13	5		31
Forster's Tern					4	2		6
Black Tern		1			23	2		26
Rock Dove	20	1	43		6	2		74
Mourning Dove	20	12	73	46	12	12	30	205
Great Horned Owl		5	1	4	5	4	3	22
Long-eared Owl				1				1
Common Poorwill							1H	1
White-throated Swift							5	5
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1						1	2

MAY 1988 AREA COVERED LIFE ZONE VISITED	14 WT PL	14 CSR PLN	14 LBC PLN	15 BLPY PLNS	15 BARR PLNS	15 CCK PLN	15 CW FH	COUNT TOTAL
Belted Kingfisher	2	4	4		2		3	15
Lewis' Woodpecker	1						1	2
Downy Woodpecker	3	4	2		7	2	2	20
Hairy Woodpecker					1		1	2
Northern Flicker								
"Red-shafted" race	6	7	31		7	6	5	62
Olive-sided Flycatcher					1			1
Western Wood-Pewee		1	2	1	2	1		7
Empidonax species					1			1
Say's Phoebe						1	3	4
Western Kingbird	2	2	1	42	12	18		77
Eastern Kingbird	1	5		11	10	1		28
Horned Lark	2	2	2	28				34
Tree Swallow	10	18	3	12	10	20		73
Violet-green Swallow		1					40	41
No. Rough-winged Swallow	2	8	8	1	12	3	12	46
Bank Swallow			2					2
Cliff Swallow	5	24	121	20		60	80	310
Barn Swallow	30	4	32	45	6	20		137
Steller's Jay							1	1
Blue Jay	1		1	4	2		1	9
Scrub Jay	5						5	10
Black-billed Magpie	7	11	91	44	16	9	6	184
American Crow	5	1	1				3	10
Common Raven	1	1	2				1	5
Black-capped Chickadee	3	12	8	3	8	4	1	39
Mountain Chickadee							13	13
Red-breasted Nuthatch					1		5	6
White-breasted Nuthatch							2	2
Rock Wren						2	7	9
House Wren	22	35	25	4	25	15	28	154
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						1		1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	2						1	3
Western Bluebird							2	2
Mountain Bluebird			1				16	17
Swainson's Thrush				2	18			20
Hermit Thrush					1			1
American Robin	11	15	158	23	27	25	45	304
Gray Catbird				1				1
Northern Mockingbird					1			1
Brown Thrasher				5	3			8
Water Pipit	1							1
Cedar Waxwing			8	12				20
European Starling	18	13	140	15	187	60	8	441
Solitary Vireo	2						5	7
Yellow-throated Vireo			1					1
Warbling Vireo	5	1			2			8
Orange-crowned Warbler		1						1
Virginia's Warbler	1						8	9
Yellow Warbler	23	15	33	9	30	25	6	141
Yellow-rumped Warbler								
"Myrtle" race			1		1			2
"Audubon's" race		7	10	1	3	2	2	25
American Redstart	1	1						2

MAY 1988	14	14	14	15	15	15	15	
AREA COVERED	WT	CSR	LBC	BLPY	BARR	CCK	CW	COUNT
LIFE ZONE VISITED	PL	PLN	PLN	PLNS	PLNS	PLN	FH	TOTAL
MacGillivray's Warbler				1				1
Common Yellowthroat		4	6	5	3	19		37
Yellow-breasted Chat	9	5	4					18
Western Tanager	7	8	5			2		22
Rose-breasted Grosbeak					1			1
Black-headed Grosbeak	4				1			5
Lazuli Bunting	16		2			1	4	23
Indigo Bunting						2		2
Green-tailed Towhee			2		1	1	1	5
Rufous-sided Towhee	24	6	4	1	1		40	76
Chipping Sparrow	4		11	1	1	100	10	127
Brewer's Sparrow						2		2
Vesper Sparrow	6		10			1	15	32
Lark Sparrow				2		1	3	6
Lark Bunting				175		2		177
Savannah Sparrow		2	1			16		19
Song Sparrow	2	1	36	6	2	20	2	69
Lincoln's Sparrow					4	1		5
White-crowned Sparrow	3	1	1	1	1	6	1	14
Red-winged Blackbird	20	65	187	1160	180	100	8	1720
Western Meadowlark	4	17	61	28	8	40	12	170
Yellow-headed Blackbird		7	28	961	226	20		1242
Brewer's Blackbird	2	7	4			2		15
Common Grackle	4	26	106	51	57	40	1	285
Brown-headed Cowbird	8	3	17	3	11	20	18	80
Northern Oriole								
"Bullock's" race	6	9	16	7	11	10		59
House Finch	2	3	94			30		129
Red Crossbill	10						1	11
Pine Siskin	71		11			2	5	89
Lesser Goldfinch			1					1
American Goldfinch	13	7	25			18	5	68
Evening Grosbeak	10	8	15					33
House Sparrow	1	2	89	37	30	3		162
TOTAL SPECIES - 151	77	77	80	72	78	87	59	151

YEAR	SPECIES	INDIVIDUALS
1988	151	10536
1987	129	7610
1986	159	10519
1985	145	9466
1984	167	8861
1983	183	10798

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PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

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BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, The Lark Bunting, is issued monthly listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on previous month's trips is given in check-list order as well as many of the interesting sightings reported by members.

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NOTICE

AN APPEAL FROM THE LARK BUNTING EDITOR

"Ye Olde Editor" grows weary at times struggling with field trip reports submitted on out-of-date field check-lists and/or with incomplete information. While he readily appreciates the good efforts of those who volunteer to give of their valuable time and talents to conduct field trips for the Denver Field Ornithologists and by doing so contribute greatly towards the continued success of our organization, your Editor (whose time is equally valuable) must appeal now and then for assistance from the leaders. PLEASE make an effort to use a current check-list that is arranged in 6th A.O.U. order and one that provides spaces for entering all of the pertinent information surrounding your field trip. It really helps greatly if you do so. This month there were 15 field trips conducted by the DFO. That required a lot of posting effort by your Editor. Much extra effort results when out-of-date check-lists are submitted. One of the most troublesome check-list to come my way is the "Field Checklist of Birds of Eastern Colorado (east from the Continental Divide)" that accompanied a very ancient version of A Birder's Guide to Eastern Colorado (Lane & Holt). This is a dreadfully out-dated check-list! Please do not use it!

Another very bothersome field check-list is the "Field Checklist of Colorado Birds" prepared by the Colorado Field Ornithologists. There are no places on this check-list to enter weather conditions, time spent birding, miles covered by car and on foot and the total number of species and individuals observed. Likewise, there are no spaces provided to register recognizable subspecies and color morphs. Finally, introduced species are found at the end of the list rather than in their proper taxonomic position-just another irritation. Again, please do not submit results of your field trips using this field check-list.

The preferred field check-list and the easiest for your Editor to cope with is included in this month's Lark Bunting as a service to field trip leaders. It covers all of the most likely to be encountered species state-wide. It does not list accidental or extremely rare species. If, however, such a species is encountered, space is provided at the end of the list for including such an observation. If at all possible, make copies of this field check-list and use them! If you are a computer buff make certain that your programs coincide with the species listing shown on this check-list along with provisions for including the other required information. And, for those of you who prefer to submit field trip reports in long-hand, please follow the taxonomic format found on this check-list. And to all leaders, PLEASE list all observers in alphabetical order. Your Editor has not been in school for many years and he occasionally falters trying to recall the alphabet.

One final point. The DFO has for many years provided a field check-list card entitled "Field Check-List of Birds of Eastern Colorado (East of the Continental Divide)" with our club's Lark Bunting logo in the upper left hand corner of the facing card. The use of this field check-list is most acceptable except that the DFO Board of Directors recently ruled to send this check-list the way of the Dodo bird and few copies remain available today. You might try giving Irv Jackson a call (233-2171) to inquire if he has any left. Traditionally these cards have been provided free of cost to field trip leaders.

An earnest effort is made each month to publish a professional newsletter of DFO activities. Following the instructions set forth for field trip leaders every other month in the Lark Bunting (which appear just ahead of the monthly field trip schedule) will help to keep a broad smile firmly implanted on "Ye Olde Editor's" visage.

JUNE 1988 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler).

- JUNE 1, Sunday. Cherry Creek SRA (CK). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Lee Hardy, Mark Witkin. (Clear; Wind, light; 43^o-70^o). 7 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 6 hours birding. (44 species, 528 individuals).
- 4, Wednesday. Roxborough Park (RX). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: George Collings, Hilda Eichenberger, Irv Jackson, Hazel Kellogg, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, light; 65^o-85^o). 25 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. ? hours birding. (26 species, 81 individuals).
- 4, Wednesday. Breeding Bird Atlas Training Trip: Chatfield SRA-Plum Creek Area (ATT). Leader: Hugh Kingery. Participants: Dave Balogh, Wally & Jenny Kate Collins, Mike Foster, John & Helen Hale, Wendy Hanophy, Jim & Verna Harold (Casper, Wyoming), Ron Huston, Beth Jackson, Kenny Lane, Joe Margoshes, Dick Pratt, Laures Runnels, Mark Salerc, Lyn Solomon, Anne Southcott, Claude Vallieres, Larry Vincent, Virgil Williams, Scott Yarberry. (Clear; Warm). 5 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (51 species, 244 individuals).

- JUNE 5, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park (BL). Leaders: Lee & Marilyn Rowe. Observers: Michelle Inesco, Ira Sanders, Betty & Ralph Seacrest, Joe TenBrink. (Wind, light; 55°-76°). 2 miles on foot. 3 hours birding. (46 species, 474 individuals).
- 7, Tuesday. "Century Run": Cherry Creek SRA, Castlewood Canyon S.P., Castle Rock, Louviers, Waterton, Chatfield SRA, Henry's Lake, Morrison, Red Rocks Park, Genesee Mountain Park, Latham Reservoir, farm ponds at Weld Co. Rds. 6&67 and 6&61, Prospect Reservoir (CEN). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: None. (Clear becoming partly cloudy by late afternoon; Wind, variable 0-15 MPH; 60°-94°). 270 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 13 hours birding. (111 species, 3870 individuals).
- 9, Thursday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (GB). Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Kathy Holt, Ira Sanders, Joe TenBrink, Ruth Wheeler, Amy Young. (Sunny; 65°-82°). 2.5 miles on foot. 4.5 hours birding. (30 species, 258 individuals).
- 11, Saturday. Longmont, Lyons & Peaceful Valley (L/L). Leaders: Bill and John Prather. Observers: Joe Himmel, Bob Jickling, Inez Prather, Lee & Marilyn Rowe, Joe TenBrink, Amy Young. (Clear becoming cloudy, rain; Wind, calm; 75°-85°). 70 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 8.5 hours birding. (73 species, 713 individuals).
- 12, Sunday. Apex Trail (AT). Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Nancy Brinkley, Wanda Dudek, Lisa Hardy, Randy Lentz, Ira Sanders. (High clouds becoming clear; 60°-80°). 5 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (51 species, 295 individuals).
- 15, Wednesday. Chatfield Arboretum, Deer Creek Hogback (ARBO). Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: Don & Martha Galletti, Hazel Kellogg, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear becoming cloudy; 75°). 4 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 6.25 hours birding. (47 species, 506 individuals).
- 18, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland & Lower Latham Reservoir (PNG). Leader: Dick Pratt. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Kathy Holt, Cecile Luforge, Tim Schowalter, Don & Jo Shrode, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler, Virgil Williams, Al Wudell, Amy Young. (Partly cloudy; 70°-80°). 110 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. ? hours birding. (59 species, 117 individuals).
- 19, Sunday. Bear Creek-plains only (BC). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Ben Moore, Tim Moore, Hugh Rayatt, Chuck Romeo, Anne Southcott. (Clear; Wind, light; 50°-75°). 25 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 6 hours birding. (38 species, 200 individuals).
- 22, Wednesday. Rocky Mountain National Park (RMP). Leaders: Warner & Ruth Reeser. Observers: Harriett Amos, Idabelle Arndt, Tom Bein, Wayne Clark, George Collings, Hilda Eichenberger, Joe Gorman, Mary Gorman, Bill Greig, Mary Griest, Roy Griest, Mary Hansen, Alan & Dee Hay, Joe Himmel, Kathy Holt, Jeanne & Bob Jickling, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Donna McLean, Jean Maguire, Elizabeth Mekkelson, Dick Pratt, Betty Seacrest, Chase Swift, Joe TenBrink, Ruth Wheeler, Amy Young. (Cloudy becoming overcast with afternoon rain; Wind, calm; 55°-70°). 12 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 6 hours birding. (35 species, 166 individuals).
- 25, Saturday. Burland Ranchettes (BUR). Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Dee & Alan Hay, Ann Oberg, Betty & Harold Oliver, Jo & Don Shrode, Ruth Wheeler, Virgil Williams. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, 0-5 MPH; 65°-80°). 81 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 6 hours birding. (45 species, 222 individuals).

JUNE 26, Sunday. Bergen Park, Elk Meadows & Squaw Mountain (BP). Leader: Bill Brockner. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Ron Lestina, Richard Maslow, Joe TenBrink. (Clear becoming cloudy with hail on Squaw Mountain; 48°-68°). 36 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. 8 hours birding. (34 species, 114 individuals).

29, Wednesday. Chatfield SRA & Waterton Canyon (CW). Leader: Irv Jackson. Observers: Mike & Rose Barber, Kathy Holt, Harry Kuesel, Virgil Williams, Amy Young. (Overcast; Wind, calm; 70°). 52 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. 6 hours birding. (27 species, 60 individuals).

JUNE 1988 FIELD TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

Fifteen scheduled DFO field trips found 160 species of birds during the month. There were no surprises however. Just the usual and expected for the most part. One American Bittern was present and "pumping" at dawn at Cherry Creek SRA on the 7th. No Snowy Egrets were reported during the month even though appropriate habitats were visited. One of the two "resident" Barr Lake Bald Eagles was reported there by the June 5th field trip - not nesting. Two Northern Harriers at Cherry Creek SRA were the only ones seen during the month on field trips. What's happening to them? One Willet was seen by field trip observers at Lower Latham Reservoir on June 18, a mild surprise for this time of year. Was it going north or coming back south? A single Black Tern was at Cherry Creek SRA on the 7th for the only one reported for the month. The Yellow-billed Cuckoo, nearly absent last year in its favorite haunts along the riparian woodlands on the eastern high plains, may have returned this summer. One was found on June 7 along the South Platte River just downstream from the Waterton bridge (see "Additional Reports" for more sightings). Burrowing Owls appear rather scarce in the area. Cherry Creek SRA and Chatfield SRA apparently have lost their colonies due to heavy human pressures. Twenty years ago some 15 pair (possibly more) nested at the Cherry Creek SRA prairie dog town. Empidonax flycatchers were reported in short supply with the best report being four species located on the Lyons/Longmont/Peaceful Valley trip-one Willow, one Least (calling repeatedly), one Hammond's and six Western's rounded out the day. Red-breasted Nuthatches were unreported during the month despite visits to favored habitats, not too surprising since populations of this species tend to fluctuate in Colorado. The only Canyon Wren seen came from the Roxborough Park field trip on June 4th where observers sighted a single bird. This makes the second month in a row that only a single bird has been found (or heard). Marsh Wrens are nesting in good numbers at Lower Latham Reservoir where at least 20 were counted on June 7. These birds and their nests can be readily viewed here from Weld County Road 48. One Golden-crowned Kinglet was located on the Lyons/Longmont/Peaceful Valley trip on June 11 (exact location not specified). This species is seldom encountered outside of the mountains during the summer months. One American Redstart was observed along Plum Creek at the Chatfield SRA on the 4th for the only "unusual" warbler recorded during the month (they nest in the area). One Fox Sparrow was heard singing on the 11th (Peaceful Valley?). A male Bobolink was larking at the Winkler Ranch a few miles south of the Castlewood Canyon State Park on June 7 where several pair nest every year in the extensive meadows. One "Baltimore" race Northern Oriole was seen in the Lyons/Longmont area on June 11, somewhat unusual as this subspecies seldom ventures this far west in the state. That's about it except to point out that there were good reports overall of successful nesting for a number of species, especially those choosing montane habitats as a careful check of the following summaries will disclose.

JUNE 1988 AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	1 CK PL	4 RX FH	4 ATT PLN	5 BL PL	7 CEN P/F	9 GB PL	11 L/L PFM	12 AT FH	15 ARBO PLFH	18 PNG PLN	19 BC PL	22 RMP MTN	25 BUR MTN	26 BP MT	29 CW PL
Pied-billed Grebe					3				1						
Eared Grebe	10				6										
Western Grebe	3			20	25		4			10					
Clark's Grebe					1		2								
American White Pelican				7	16					3					
Double-crested Cormorant	30	1	2	52	175	3			6	10	16				
American Bittern					1										
Great Blue Heron	22		4	7	125		1		4	3	3				2
Black-crown. Night-Heron	2		6	1	18	5					3				
White-faced Ibis					2										
Canada Goose	38			72	80	72	17		14		10				
Wood Duck				2											
Green-winged Teal					2										
Mallard	30	2	10	24	75	28	20	2	6	60	15	1	1f		2
Northern Pintail				3	12					10					
Blue-winged Teal			2NE	4	20				1pr	10					
Cinnamon Teal			4		20		1		2ma	8					
Northern Shoveler					25				1ma	2					
Gadwall	4			5	1ma		7			1	2				
American Wigeon	1				2										
Redhead					5		10								
Ring-necked Duck						2						1			
Lesser Scaup															
Ruddy Duck					10										
Turkey Vulture		1	1		11		1	1	1				1		
Bald Eagle				1a											
Northern Harrier	2														
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1				2								
Cooper's Hawk							2N								
Swainson's Hawk	1		1	4	6				1	2	3				
Red-tailed Hawk														1	
"Western" races			2NY		2ad			3			2		1		
Ferruginous Hawk										1					
Golden Eagle		2													
American Kestrel			2	1	7		12		1	4	2				
Prairie Falcon		1			1			1	1a3i						
Ring-necked Pheasant	1				12										
Virginia Rail			3												
Sora					1-H				2	1-H					
American Coot				7	25	1				6					
Killdeer	14		2DD	3	45		5	1i	6	20	2				
American Avocet					30					10					
Willet										1					
Spotted Sandpiper	1		3	1	6		3		1						
Common Snipe			1							1-H					
Wilson's Phalarope					30					25					
Franklin's Gull	3				50					200					
Ring-billed Gull	16			5	150	2	40								
California Gull	6			1	40		2								
Forster's Tern				1	5					2					
Black Tern					1										
Rock Dove		2			10	2	20	12	2	20	2		5		
Band-tailed Pigeon													3		
Mourning Dove	4	2	5	24	200	4	2	3	10	40	9		2		1

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Yellow-billed Cuckoo					1										
Great Horned Owl	2		3FL						2ad	2					
Burrowing Owl					2					6					
Common Nighthawk				1	1					4					
White-throated Swift					10		10		1						
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		3	1NB		2ma		6	7N	1p1i			7N	8	6	
Belted Kingfisher	1		1		2	1	3		1		2				1
Lewis' Woodpecker							2								
Red-naped Sapsucker												4N	1	1	
Williamson's Sapsucker					1pr									2	
Downy Woodpecker			3			3	1					2N			
eastern races					1										
Hairy Woodpecker							1					1N			
"Rocky Mountain" race					1										
Northern Flicker									1			3N			
"Red-shafted" race	2		2	1	1	4	3	1			11		3	2	3
Olive-sided Flycatcher													1		
Western Wood-Pewee	1	2	8	3	15		10	1	2		3	7N	6	2	4
Willow Flycatcher							1								
Least Flycatcher							1								
Hammond's Flycatcher							1					2			
Dusky Flycatcher												2N			
Western Flycatcher					2		6	5	1				1		
Say's Phoebe					2					3					
Western Kingbird	4		1	4	45			3		10					
Eastern Kingbird			4	13	1		4			2	1				
Horned Lark	2				15					120					
Tree Swallow	28	8	2	1	20						2	16N			
Violet-green Swallow	6	1			115		30	4				6N	30N		
N. Rough-winged Swallow			2NB	6N	2					1					
Bank Swallow			2NB												
Cliff Swallow	10		2		100		200	3	200	10	3		10N		8
Barn Swallow	50		6N	5	400	2	6	5	13	30	3	1N	8		1
Steller's Jay					2		6	8				1	3	2	
Blue Jay						1				3					
Scrub Jay		9			4				2						1
Clark's Nutcracker														1	
Black-billed Magpie	18	2	9UN	9	60	22	3	10	5	4	16	8N	3	1	1
American Crow		2			11		2	1	1	2			1	4	
Common Raven		2			1		1					3	2	6	
Black-capped Chickadee		7	5	5	2	4	2	3	2		2				2
Mountain Chickadee					2		2	6				1N	10	2	
White-breasted Nuthatch					1							1	2	1	
Pygmy Nuthatch					2			7				6N	1	4	
Rock Wren					2			3							
Canyon Wren		1													
House Wren	3	2	8N	3N	35	7	2	3	19N	1	3	5N	10N	2	5
Marsh Wren					20					6					
American Dipper							1						1		
Golden-crowned Kinglet							1								
Ruby-crowned Kinglet							20					2		4	
Western Bluebird					1ma							4N	5N		
Mountain Bluebird					3			2				5N	9N	2	
Townsend's Solitaire								3	1				1	2	

JUNE 1988 AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	1 CK PL	4 RX FH	4 ATT PLN	5 BL PL	7 CEN P/F	9 GB PL	11 L/L PFM	12 AT FH	15 ARBO PLFH	18 PNG PLN	19 BC PL	22 RMP MTN	25 BUR MTN	26 BP MT	29 CW PL
Swainson's Thrush				2			6	6							
Hermit Thrush							1H								
American Robin	8	6	3	7	60	9	8	15	10	10	21	28N	15	14	1
Gray Catbird			1												
Northern Mockingbird										2					
Brown Thrasher					1										
Cedar Waxwing							3								
Loggerhead Shrike										6					
European Starling	50	4	25	33	400	16	70	5	12	10	26		2	6	3
Solitary Vireo								3						1	
"Plumbeous" race					8										
Warbling Vireo			2		6		2-H	6	3			8N	4		
Red-eyed Vireo			1		6		2								
Virginia's Warbler					3ma		1-H	1						2	
Yellow Warbler	6		10T	2	20		10	7	6		1				2
Yellow-rumped Warbler							8								
"Audubon's" race					2								2	4	
American Redstart			1												
Common Yellowthroat	20		8	2	8	1	3								
Wilson's Warbler							1								
Yellow-breasted Chat			7ma		9	1	1	8	3		1				2
Western Tanager			1		3			3				2			1
Black-headed Grosbeak		2			3ma			10	1			1	2	6	1
Blue Grosbeak										1					
Lazuli Bunting			2		3ma		2	10			1				4
Indigo Bunting								2							
Green-tailed Towhee					1			2				1	3	2	
Rufous-sided Towhee		9	3				4	35	4						
"Spotted" races					25										
Chipping Sparrow					1		1					1		4	
Brewer's Sparrow										6					
Vesper Sparrow					15			2	1		1		1		
Lark Sparrow					8					10					
Lark Bunting					8					250					
Savannah Sparrow					1										
Grasshopper Sparrow										1					
Fox Sparrow							1-H								
Song Sparrow			2T	2	2	5	2	2			2		1		1
Lincoln's Sparrow													1		
Dark-eyed Junco (Gr-hd)					3		1	8				1N	1	2	
McCown's Longspur										42					
Chestnut-coll. Longspur										2					
Bobolink					1ma										
Red-winged Blackbird	48	1	35N	23	250	18	22		90	20	3	1	24		3
Western Meadowlark	36	3	8	4	280		6	4	10	30	2				1
Yellow-headed Blackbird	2			4	60	2	10		30	8					
Brewer's Blackbird	4				25		8			40	2	6N	7	12	
Common Grackle	20		9FY	42	300	20	20	10		2	3		2		
Brown-headed Cowbird	2	4	6		65	3	8	10	3	10	2	9	10	4	1
Orchard Oriole										1					
Northern Oriole										1					
"Baltimore" race							1								
"Bullock's" race	6		6	46	5	7	3	11	10		4				1
Cassin's Finch							1					7N	1		
House Finch	2	2			20	2		15			10				1

JUNE 1988	1	4	4	5	7	9	11	12	15	18	18	22	25	26	29
AREA COVERED	CK	RX	ATT	BL	CEN	GB	L/L	AT	ARBO	PNG	BC	RMP	BUR	BP	CW
LIFE ZONES VISITED	PL	FH	PLN	PL	P/F	PL	PFM	FH	PLFH	PLN	PL	MTN	MTN	MT	PL
Red Crossbill														2	
Pine Siskin					8		6		1			12N	7	6	
Lesser Goldfinch					3		6	10							2
American Goldfinch	6		6	1	15	4	2	5	4		3				5
Evening Grosbeak													9	2	
House Sparrow	3			10	100	7	20	10		50	3		1		
TOTAL SPECIES - 160	44	26	51	45	111	30	73	51	47	59	38	35	45	34	27

ABBREVIATIONS AND NOTES: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i;
 Plains=PLN,PL,P.
 Foothills=PH,F.
 Mountains=MTN,MT,M.
 Pair=pr,p; Heard Only=H; Nesting Observed=N; On
 Territory=T; Feeding Young=FY; Distraction Display=DD; Recently Fledged Young=FL; Nest Building=NB;
 Used Nest/Eggshells Found=UN; Nest With Eggs=NE;
 Nest With Young=NY.

ADDITIONAL JUNE 1988 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

PLEASE NOTE! Instructions for submitting "Additional Reports":

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the compiler reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual/rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips. Sightings reported to the Colorado Bird Report will not automatically be accepted and published in the Lark Bunting unless reported to the compiler in writing as stipulated in item 2 below.
2. Individual "Additional Reports" should be submitted in writing in Sixth A.O.U. Check-list (1983, 1985, 1987) order and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and the specific location. Please refer to the Supplement to Lark Bunting, Volume 21, Number 3 (December 1985) for instructions on preparing written documentation to support observations of extremely rare or accidental species and for any species never before recorded in Colorado.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual "Additional Reports" is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the current month.
4. Send your "Additional Reports" to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111.

 Common Loon 6-5 (1, non-breeding plumage) flooded gravel pit on 124th Ave. between U.S. Hwy. 85 and Brighton Road (LMR, JT).
 Snowy Egret 6-1 (1) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JR).
 Blue Grouse 6-24 (1) & 6-27(1) near Critchell, Jefferson Co. (AH).
 Virginia Rail 6-11 (two family groups: 1 adult with 2 downy, black chicks; 1 adult with 1 downy, black chick), Lower Latham Reservoir (BF, JR).
 Mountain Plover 6-11 (two family groups: 2 adults with 2 downy chicks; one adult with 3 downy chicks; 3 other adults) along Co. Rds. 114 & 45, Pawnee National Grassland, Weld Co. (BF, JR).
 Upland Sandpiper 6-15 (2) U.S. Hwy. 138 at mile post 23, Logan Co. (JR, DR).
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo 6-11 (1) Crow Valley Campground, Briggsdale, Weld Co. (BF, JR); 6-14 (1) & 6-15 (1) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan Co. (JR).
 Willow Flycatcher 6-14 (1) Crow Valley Campground, Briggsdale (JR).

Swainson's Thrush 6-1 (19) Dry Gulch Breeding Bird Atlas Block near Lindon, Washington Co. (HK).
Bell's Vireo 6-16 (3) Tamarack Ranch SWA (JR).
Nashville Warbler 6-1 (1) Dry Gulch Breeding Bird Atlas Block near Lindon, Washington Co. (HK).
Blackburnian Warbler 6-1 (1 male) Dry Gulch Breeding Bird Atlas Block near Lindon (HK).
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 6-16 (1 singing male) Tamarack Ranch SWA (JR).
Dickcissel 6-15 (1 singing male) below the dam at Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (JR).
Rufous-sided Towhee 6-16 (1 eastern race female with 1 "Spotted" race male) Tamarack Ranch SWA (JR).
Cassin's Sparrow 6-16 (1 larking male) Tamarack Ranch SWA (JR).
Clay-colored Sparrow 6-1 (1) Dry Gulch Breeding Bird Atlas Block near Lindon (HK).
Grasshopper Sparrow 6-9 (22) "Gordon Creek" Breeding Bird Survey (USF&WS), Washington Co. (HK, JR); 6-15 (2) & 6-16 (4) Tamarack Ranch SWA (JR).
McCown's Longspur 6-1 (one nest with three eggs) along Co. Rd. 45 between Co. Rds. 114 & 122, Pawnee National Grasslands, Weld Co. (JR).
Chestnut-collared Longspur 6-11 (one nest with three newly hatched young birds being fed by parents) along Co. Rd. 114, Weld Co. (BF, JR).
Bobolink 6-16 (3 males) Tamarack Ranch SWA (JR).
Great-tailed Grackle 6-11 (1 male) intake canal at Co. Rd. 48, Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (BF, JR).
White-winged Crossbill 6-13 (35+) approximately 4 miles northeast of Columbine at the junction of Colo. Hwys. 550 & 500 (one mile north of this junction along Hwy. 550), Routt Co. (BR, SR). Written details submitted (BR).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

LOST AND FOUND

Found on June 19, 1988 along the South Chicago Creek Trail: a "The Nothing Notebook" containing hiking notes from June 7, 1987 to June 4, 1988. Please contact Jack Reddall (tel. 771-5308) who has the notebook.

DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO WORK IN THE ARCHIVES

Anyone interested in volunteering at the Denver Museum of Natural History in the Archives should contact Kris Hagland at 370-6361. Volunteers are needed to help organize documentation received in connection with past years' Annual Christmas Bird Counts from the Rocky Mountain region. Also needed are volunteers to check Alfred M. Bailey's field notes for eventual computerization. These field notes are extensive and cover the years from 1913 to 1972.

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify the Treasurer, Mr. Alan Hay - 6361 Brooks Drive, Arvada, Colorado 80004 (Tel. 422-0239). DO NOT CONTACT THE EDITOR!

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT

We wish to acknowledge the generous contribution to the Colorado Bird Report from Ruth and Warner Reeser. Thank you very much.

FAILURE TO RECEIVE THE LARK BUNTING

For one-time failures to receive the Lark Bunting, please contact the Editor, Jack Reddall (Tel. 771-5308) who normally has extra copies to mail out as replacements. If you fail to receive the Lark Bunting two months in a row, please contact the Treasurer, Mr. Alan Hay - 6361 Brooks Drive, Arvada, Colorado 80004 IN WRITING who will investigate the problem for corrective action.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED!

If you would like to lead a Field Trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Ruth Breckon (455-0970) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). The DFO is the only organization in the United States that schedules and conducts Field Trips every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year. We need Field Trip Leaders to keep the tradition going strong.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS

Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

CARPOOLING URGED ON FIELD TRIPS

All Denver Field Ornithologists are urged to carpool wherever possible when going on Field Trips to help conserve energy. If you contemplate going on any of the scheduled Field Trips listed herein, please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for carpooling.

SUGGESTIONS TO LEADERS

Take the initiative in arranging for carpooling. Be sure the drivers know the route to be taken so no one gets lost. Arrange a rest stop by noon. Make an attempt to see that all members of the group see the birds observed. Obtain some copies of the "Denver Field Ornithologists-Membership Information" handout sheet to give to prospective new members joining your Field Trip. Call Alan Hay (Tel. 422-0239) to obtain copies.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' SCRAP BOOK

Kathy Hawkins has taken over responsibility for maintenance of the DFO Scrap Book. If you have items that you would like to donate to the scrap book, please submit them to Kathy at 6860-D East Mississippi Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80224 (Tel. 757-0809).

FLORIDA AUDUBON PROGRAM FOR INJURED RAPTORS

To assist a program to rehabilitate and care for injured and orphaned birds of prey, collect cancelled foreign and United States commemorative postage stamps, undamaged duck and state conservation stamps and old and foreign picture postal cards. For information about this Florida Audubon program, call Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947) who delivers these items personally.

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LOCALITY _____

DATE _____ TIME BIRDING (From) _____ (To) _____ TOTAL SPECIES _____

MILES COVERED (By Car) _____ (On Foot) _____ TOTAL INDIVIDUALS _____

WEATHER _____ TEMPERATURE _____ °F

WIND (Direction) _____ (Velocity) _____ MPH. LEADER _____

OBSERVERS (Alphabetical Order) _____

___ Pacific Loon	___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	___ Western Sandpiper
___ Common Loon	___ Cooper's Hawk	___ Least Sandpiper
___ Pied-billed Grebe	___ Northern Goshawk	___ White-rumped Sandpiper
___ Horned Grebe	___ Broad-winged Hawk	___ Baird's Sandpiper
___ Eared Grebe	___ Swainson's Hawk	___ Pectoral Sandpiper
___ Western Grebe	___ Red-tailed Hawk	___ Dunlin
___ Clark's Grebe	___ western races	___ Stilt Sandpiper
___ Am. White Pelican	___ "Harlan's" race	___ Long-billed Dowitcher
___ Double-crest. Cormorant	___ "Kriders" race	___ Common Snipe
___ American Bittern	___ Ferruginous Hawk	___ Wilson's Phalarope
___ Great Blue Heron	___ Rough-legged Hawk	___ Red-necked Phalarope
___ Great Egret	___ Golden Eagle	___ Franklin's Gull
___ Snowy Egret	___ American Kestrel	___ Bonaparte's Gull
___ Cattle Egret	___ Merlin	___ Ring-billed Gull
___ Green-backed Heron	___ Peregrine Falcon	___ California Gull
___ Black-cr. Night-Heron	___ Prairie Falcon	___ Herring Gull
___ Yellow-cr. Night-Heron	___ Chukar	___ Thayer's Gull
___ White-faced Ibis	___ Ring-necked Pheasant	___ Glaucous Gull
___ Tundra Swan	___ Blue Grouse	___ Sabine's Gull
___ Gtr. White-fr. Goose	___ White-tail. Ptarmigan	___ Common Tern
___ Snow Goose	___ Sage Grouse	___ Forster's Tern
___ "White" morph	___ Gtr. Prairie-Chicken	___ Black Tern
___ "Blue" morph	___ Lsr. Prairie-Chicken	___ Rock Dove
___ Canada Goose	___ Sharp-tailed Grouse	___ Band-tailed Pigeon
___ Wood Duck	___ Wild Turkey	___ Mourning Dove
___ Green-winged Teal	___ Northern Bobwhite	___ Black-billed Cuckoo
___ Mallard	___ Scaled Quail	___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo
___ Northern Pintail	___ Gambel's Quail	___ Greater Roadrunner
___ Blue-winged Teal	___ Virginia Rail	___ Common Barn-Owl
___ Cinnamon Teal	___ Sora	___ Flammulated Owl
___ "Blue-winged" Teal sp.	___ American Coot	___ Eastern Screech-Owl
___ Northern Shoveler	___ Sandhill Crane	___ Western Screech-Owl
___ Gadwall	___ Black-bellied Plover	___ Great Horned Owl
___ American Wigeon	___ Lesser Golden-Plover	___ Northern Pygmy-Owl
___ Canvasback	___ Snowy Plover	___ Burrowing Owl
___ Redhead	___ Semipalmated Plover	___ Long-eared Owl
___ Ring-necked Duck	___ Killdeer	___ Short-eared Owl
___ Greater Scaup	___ Mountain Plover	___ Northern Saw-Whet Owl
___ Lesser Scaup	___ Black-necked Stilt	___ Common Nighthawk
___ Oldsquaw	___ American Avocet	___ Common Poorwill
___ Surf Scoter	___ Greater Yellowlegs	___ Black Swift
___ Common Goldeneye	___ Lesser Yellowlegs	___ Chimney Swift
___ Barrow's Goldeneye	___ Solitary Sandpiper	___ White-throated Swift
___ Bufflehead	___ Willet	___ Black-chn. Hummingbird
___ Hooded Merganser	___ Spotted Sandpiper	___ Calliope Hummingbird
___ Common Merganser	___ Upland Sandpiper	___ Broad-tld. Hummingbird
___ Red-breasted Merganser	___ Whimbrel	___ Rufous Hummingbird
___ Ruddy Duck	___ Long-billed Curlew	___ Belted Kingfisher
___ Turkey Vulture	___ Marbled Godwit	___ Lewis' Woodpecker
___ Osprey	___ Ruddy Turnstone	___ Red-headed Woodpecker
___ Mississippi Kite	___ Red Knot	___ Red-bellied Woodpecker
___ Bald Eagle	___ Sanderling	___ Red-naped Sapsucker
___ Northern Harrier	___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	___ Williamson's Sapsucker

___ Ladder-backed Woodpecker	___ Western Bluebird	___ Brown Towhee
___ Downy Woodpecker	___ Mountain Bluebird	___ Cassin's Sparrow
___ "Batchelder's" race	___ Townsend's Solitaire	___ Rufous-crowned Sparrow
___ eastern races	___ Veery	___ American Tree Sparrow
___ Hairy Woodpecker	___ Swainson's Thrush	___ Chipping Sparrow
___ "Rocky Mountain" race	___ Hermit Thrush	___ Clay-colored Sparrow
___ eastern races	___ American Robin	___ Brewer's Sparrow
___ Three-toed Woodpecker	___ Gray Catbird	___ Field Sparrow
___ Northern Flicker	___ Northern Mockingbird	___ Vesper Sparrow
___ "Yellow-shafted" race	___ Sage Thrasher	___ Lark Sparrow
___ "Red-shafted" race	___ Brown Thrasher	___ Black-throated Sparrow
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	___ Curve-billed Thrasher	___ Sage Sparrow
___ Western Wood-Pewee	___ Water Pipit	___ Lark Bunting
___ Willow Flycatcher	___ Bohemian Waxwing	___ Savannah Sparrow
___ Least Flycatcher	___ Cedar Waxwing	___ Grasshopper Sparrow
___ Hammond's Flycatcher	___ Northern Shrike	___ Fox Sparrow
___ Dusky Flycatcher	___ Loggerhead Shrike	___ "Slate-colored" race
___ Gray Flycatcher	___ European Starling	___ "Yukon" race
___ Western Flycatcher	___ Bell's Vireo	___ Song Sparrow
___ "Empidonax" species	___ Gray Vireo	___ Lincoln's Sparrow
___ Eastern Phoebe	___ Solitary Vireo	___ Swamp Sparrow
___ Say's Phoebe	___ "Plumbeous" race	___ White-throated Sparrow
___ Ash-throated Flycatcher	___ "Cassin's" race	___ White-crowned Sparrow
___ Great Crested Flycatcher	___ Warbling Vireo	___ "Rocky Mountain" race
___ Cassin's Kingbird	___ Red-eyed Vireo	___ "Gambel's" race
___ Western Kingbird	___ Tennessee Warbler	___ Harris' Sparrow
___ Eastern Kingbird	___ Orange-crowned Warbler	___ Dark-eyed Junco
___ Scissor-tail. Flycatcher	___ Nashville Warbler	___ "White-winged" race
___ Horned Lark	___ Virginia's Warbler	___ "Slate-colored" race
___ Tree Swallow	___ Northern Parula	___ "Oregon" race
___ Violet-green Swallow	___ Yellow Warbler	___ "Gray-headed" race
___ No. Rough-winged Swallow	___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	___ McCown's Longspur
___ Bank Swallow	___ Magnolia Warbler	___ Lapland Longspur
___ Cliff Swallow	___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	___ Chestnut-coll. Longspur
___ Barn Swallow	___ "Myrtle" race	___ Snow Bunting
___ Gray Jay	___ "Audubon's" race	___ Bobolink
___ Steller's Jay	___ Black-thr. Gray Warbler	___ Red-winged Blackbird
___ Blue Jay	___ Townsend's Warbler	___ Western Meadowlark
___ Scrub Jay	___ Black-th. Green Warbler	___ Yellow-headed Blackbird
___ Pinyon Jay	___ Grace's Warbler	___ Rusty Blackbird
___ Clark's Nutcracker	___ Blackpoll Warbler	___ Brewer's Blackbird
___ Black-billed Magpie	___ Black-and-white Warbler	___ Great-tailed Grackle
___ American Crow	___ American Redstart	___ Common Grackle
___ Chihuahuan Raven	___ Ovenbird	___ Brown-headed Cowbird
___ Common Raven	___ Northern Waterthrush	___ Orchard Oriole
___ Black-capped Chickadee	___ MacGillivray's Warbler	___ Northern Oriole
___ Mountain Chickadee	___ Common Yellowthroat	___ "Baltimore" race
___ Plain Titmouse	___ Hooded Warbler	___ "Bullock's" race
___ Bushtit	___ Wilson's Warbler	___ Rosy Finch
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	___ Yellow-breasted Chat	___ "Gray-crowned" race
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	___ Summer Tanager	___ "Black" race
___ Pygmy Nuthatch	___ Scarlet Tanager	___ "Brown-capped" race
___ Brown Creeper	___ Western Tanager	___ Pine Grosbeak
___ Rock Wren	___ Northern Cardinal	___ Cassin's Finch
___ Canyon Wren	___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	___ House Finch
___ Bewick's Wren	___ Black-headed Grosbeak	___ Red Crossbill
___ House Wren	___ Blue Grosbeak	___ Common Redpoll
___ Winter Wren	___ Lazuli Bunting	___ Pine Siskin
___ Marsh Wren	___ Indigo Bunting	___ Lesser Goldfinch
___ American Dipper	___ Dickcissel	___ American Goldfinch
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	___ Green-tailed Towhee	___ Evening Grosbeak
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	___ Rufous-sided Towhee	___ House Sparrow
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	___ "Spotted" races	
___ Eastern Bluebird	___ eastern race	

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REPORTS FROM "TUESDAY BIRDERS"

JUNE 7, FILLIUS PARK AND ELK MEADOW PARK/MEADOW VIEW TRAIL.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 29

Turkey Vulture-15, Red-tailed Hawk-1, Broad-tailed Hummingbird-10, Hairy Woodpecker-1, Northern Flicker-1, Western wood-Pewee-2, Violet-green Swallow-5, Cliff Swallow-2, Barn Swallow-1, Steller's Jay-3, Black-billed Magpie-1, American Crow-2, Common Raven-6, White-breasted Nuthatch-1, Pygmy Nuthatch-5, Western Bluebird-2, Townsend's Solitaire-2, American Robin-7, Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon"-1, Western Tanager-1, Black-headed Grosbeak-1, Chipping Sparrow-5, Vesper Sparrow-1, Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed"-8, Red-winged Blackbird-14, Brown-headed Cowbird-2, House Finch-2, Pine Siskin-10, Evening Grosbeak-18, (29 species, 130 individuals).

JUNE 14, RED ROCKS PARK AND O'FALLON PARK. Leader: Ann Bonnell

Observers: 27

Red-tailed Hawk-1, American Kestrel-2, Rock Dove-8, Mourning Dove-2, Great Horned Owl-2 owlets, White-throated Swift-17, Bd-tl Hummingbird-6, Northern Flicker "Red-shafted"-4, Western Wood-Pewee-2, Western Flycatcher-3, Tree Swallow-7, Violet-green Swallow-16, Cliff Swallow-2, Barn Swallow-1, Scrub Jay-1, Black-billed Magpie-4, American Crow-1, Common Raven-1, Black-capped Chickadee-2, Brown Creeper-1, Canyon Wren-3, House Wren-1, American Dipper-1, American Robin-9, Gray Catbird-2, European Starling-2, Yellow Warbler-13, Yellow-breasted Chat-2, Western Tanager-2, Black-headed Grosbeak-1, Rufus-s Towhee-7, Song Sparrow-1, Red-winged Blackbird-1, Western Meadowlark-6, Brown-hd Cowbird-7, Northern Oriole "Bullock's"-9, House Finch-1, Pine Siskin-6, Lesser Goldfinch-1, Lesser Goldfinch "Black-backed"-1. (39 species, 159 individuals).

JUNE 21, CHATFIELD ARBORETUM. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 27

Pied-billed Grebe-2, Double-crested Cormorant-2, Great Blue Heron-4, Green-winged Teal-1, Mallard-4, Blue-winged Teal-4, Cinnamon Teal-5, Northern Shoveler-2, Am. Kestrel-4, Prairie Falcon-1, Sora-1, American Coot-2, Killdeer-9, Spotted Sandpiper-5, Mourning Dove-7, Great Horned Owl-1 adult & 2 imm., Downy Woodpecker-2 adults & 2 imm. in nest hole, Western Wood-Pewee-2, Western Kingbird-2, Cliff Swallow-150, Barn Swallow-54, Black-billed Magpie-8, Black-capped Chickadee-4, House Wren-17 adult & 15 imm. in nests, American Robin-18, Warbling Vireo-2, Yellow Warbler-8, Co. Yellowthroat-1, Yellow-breasted Chat-2, Indigo Bunting-1, Song Sparrow-1, Red-winged Blackbird-107, Western Meadowlark-15, Yell-hd Blackbird-29, Common Grackle-23, Brown-hd Cowbird-5, Northern Oriole "Bullock's"-8, American Goldfinch-14, (38 species, 546 individuals).

Tuesday Birders-cont.

JUNE 28, HWY 67 WEST OF SEDALIA, JARR CANYON TO INDIAN CREEK CAMP GROUND, THEN NORTH ON FOOT ONE MILE. Leader: Ann Bonnell.
Observers: 29.

Turkey Vulture-2, Hawk sp.-1, Red-tailed Hawk-1, Am. Kestrel-2, Blue Grouse-1, Rock Dove-5, Mourning Dove-2, Bd-tl Hummingbird-7, Western Flycatcher-1, Tree Swallow-5, Blue Jay-1, Black-Billed Magpie-6, Common Raven-2, Mountain Chickadee-2, White-breasted Nuthatch-8, House Wren-1, Mountain Bluebird-2, Hermit Thrush-3, American Robin-6, Warbling Vireo-4, Virginia's Warbler-1, Ovenbird-2, Western Tanager-2, Black-headed Grosbeak-1, Rufus-s Towhee-1, Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed"-7, Red-winged Blackbird-6, Western Meadowlark-7, Brown-hd Cowbird-2, Northern Oriole "Bullock's"-1, Evening Grosbeak-1. (31 species, 93 individuals).

Monna Krebs (compiler)

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 1988

 PLEASE CALL THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT AT 423-5582 BEFORE GOING ON A FIELD TRIP TO DETERMINE IF THERE HAVE BEEN ANY LAST MINUTE CHANGES IN SCHEDULING.

- AUGUST 6, BAILEY, GUANELLA PASS & GEORGETOWN. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest section near the Burlington Coat Factory) at South Sheridan Blvd. north of Hampden Avenue (U.S. Hwy. 285). *
- 7, Sunday. BEAR CREEK LAKE PARK & RED ROCKS PARK. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest section near the Burlington Coat Factory) at South Sheridan Blvd. north of Hampden Avenue (U.S. HWY. 285). *
- 13, Saturday. ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Carpool at 6:30 A.M. at the Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, southeast corner at West 38th and Wadsworth Blvd. Park on Vance Street on east side of parking lot. Meet Leader at 8:15 A.M. at Park Headquarters on U.S. Hwy. 36. *
- 14, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leaders: Lee & Marilyn Rowe (659-8069). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Nature Center parking lot at Barr Lake State Park. Bring water. 1/2-day trip.
- 20, Saturday. BOULDER AREA: FLAGSTAFF, KOSSLER LAKE. Leaders: Art and Helen Wainwright (494-8933). Carpool at 7:15 A.M. at the Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, southeast corner at West 38th and Wadsworth Blvd. Park on Vance Street on east side of parking lot. Meet Leaders at 8:00 A.M. at Basemar Shopping Center, southeast corner of Baseline and Broadway in Boulder. *

AUGUST 21, Sunday. PAWNEE NATIONAL GRASSLAND & ENROUTE. Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History, east end of the north parking lot. *

27, Saturday. CHERRY CREEK STATE RECREATION AREA. Leader: Floyd Pendell (758-5530). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the west gate to Cherry Creek SRA (east of Cherry Creek High School). *

28, Sunday. NORTHEAST COLORADO: PREWITT RESERVOIR. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History, east end of the north parking lot at 6:15 A.M. *

* BRING LUNCH

Submitted by: Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
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Field Trip Coordinators

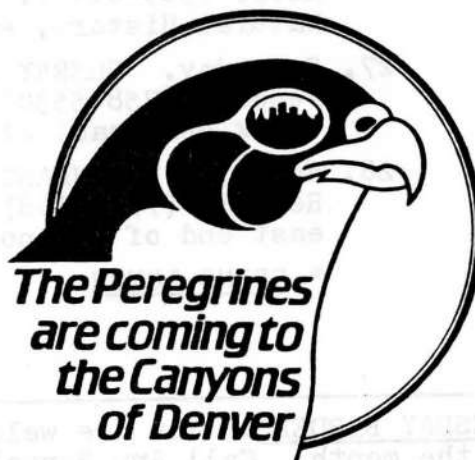
TUESDAY BIRDERS. You are welcome to join a group of birders on each Tuesday of the month. Call Ann Bonnell (979-6211) for details.

PROPOSED DFO FIELD TRIP (SOUTH PLATTE TO WATERTON).

The DFO Field Trip Coordinators are considering scheduling a walking field trip, possibly this fall or next spring, commencing at South Platte (site of the old hotel at the convergence of the North and South Forks of the South Platte River and proposed site of the Two Forks Dam) and proceeding down the South Platte River canyon to Waterton, a distance of about 17 miles. Before scheduling such an undertaking, the Field Trip Coordinators would like to determine if there is enough interest to warrant such an undertaking. If you would be interested in such a venture, please call Ruth Breckon (455-0970) by July 31, 1988.

The Peregrines are coming to the Canyons of Denver

During the summer of 1988, several peregrine falcon chicks will be put in a specially built box -- called a *hack box* -- atop the 23-story Civic Center Plaza Building in downtown Denver. Once these beautiful birds begin venturing out on their own, downtown shoppers, workers and visitors will be treated to a spectacular show as these majestic falcons fly and hunt in the canyons of downtown Denver.



Why Downtown?

Peregrine falcons can be raised on tall buildings and bridges in the same way they are raised on cliffs in wild eyries. In fact, in the eastern United States, this has been one of the main ways peregrines are being reintroduced because many of the wild sites are no longer suitable. In Albany, New York, 15 peregrines have been hacked atop a 20-story building during the past three years. In Salt Lake City, Utah, a pair of peregrines chose to nest on the ninth floor of a 10-story hotel downtown. They successfully raised three chicks in 1986. During 1987, the female returned with a new male, nested again, and raised a new brood. Food will be plentiful in downtown Denver for the young falcons. They'll prey primarily on pigeons and small birds. Although the traffic downtown will pose some hazards, experience has shown that the mortality rate for peregrines in cities is about equal to that in the wild.

Why Peregrines?

Peregrine falcons are an endangered species whose numbers declined drastically in the 1950s and 1960s. Pesticides caused eggs laid by the adults to have precariously thin shells; these eggs broke easily during incubation. By 1972, there were no breeding peregrine falcons in Colorado. Today, thanks to the intense recovery efforts by wildlife biologists, there are nearly two dozen nesting pairs in the state. This downtown release is a part of that recovery effort. The hope is that peregrines will return to nest in downtown Denver or somewhere else along the Front Range.

How will the birds be raised?

Anywhere from four to six birds will be put in the hack box in July or August of 1988. Attendants, unseen by the falcons, will monitor the birds and feed them quail daily. Once the birds are old enough to venture out on their own, the box will be opened and the birds will begin learning how to fly and hunt. By autumn, the peregrines will be ready to migrate south, possible to Mexico or Panama.

Who is sponsoring the project?

This project is being sponsored by the Colorado Division of Wildlife, Colorado Wildlife Federation and the Denver Museum of Natural History. The Peregrine Partnership -- a coalition of downtown businesses, corporations and individuals -- is providing the funds. You can help by contributing to the partnership. You also can help save peregrine falcons by contributing through the nongame wildlife check-off on your Colorado state tax form. You can donate part of your tax refund or add to your tax liability by using the check-off. Finally, you can contribute directly to the Division of Wildlife's nongame wildlife program.

**Contributions should be made to the Peregrine Partnership
in care of the
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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS -- Membership Information

WELCOME to the D.F.O.

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December), 7:30 p.m. at the Denver Museum of Natural History West Auditorium. Date and time reported on Rare Bird Alert 423-5582. These meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in different sections of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring your lunch and wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile per car divided by number of passengers including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, The Lark Bunting, is issued monthly listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on previous month's trips is given in check-list order as well as many of the interesting sightings reported by members.

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DECEMBER, AT 7:30 P.M., DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

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JULY 1988 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- JULY 2&3, Saturday & Sunday. North Park: Walden, Arapaho NWR & Colorado Forest (NOPK). Leaders: Bob & Shirley Spencer. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Ruth Breckon, Dan Bridges, Harold & Betty Oliver, Joe Ten-Brink, Helen Tripp, Vito Tursi, Rita Vautrin, Steve Weiss, Ruth Wheeler. (Mostly clear; Wind, calm). 70 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 20.5 hours birding. (85 species, 1561 individuals).
- 4, Monday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (GB). Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Irv Jackson, Ann Oberg, Dgn & Jo Shrode, Anne Southcott, Diane Taber. (Clear; Wind, calm; 68°-85°). Zero miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 3 hours birding. (28 species, 263 individuals).
- 6, Wednesday. Golden Gate Canyon & State Park (GGCSP). Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Henry & Vi Bossman, Lori Chappell, Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Kathy Holt, Bill & Inez Prather, Mort & Rosemary Staatz, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear with threatening P.M. thundershowers; 78°-93°). 58 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 7.5 hours birding. (55 species, 371 individuals).

- JULY 9, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park (BAR). Leader: Walt Bull. Observers: Ed Bowditch, Warren Finch, Glenn & Jean Hageman, Kathy Hirst, Irv Jackson, Chuck Romeo, Evan Williams, Amy Young. (Partly cloudy; Wind, 0-10 MPH; 62°-80°). 58 miles by car, 4.5 miles on foot. 5 hours birding. (43 species, 730 individuals).
- 10, Sunday. Reynolds Park and along the South Platte River (RP). Leader: Mel Gabel. Observers: Nancy Binkley, Ruth Breckon, Wanda Dudek, Peggy Gonder, Lisa Hardy, Alan & Dee Hay, Rich Maslow, Jack Reddall, Mort Staatz. (Clear with P.M. thunderstorms; Wind, variable 0-10 MPH with strong gusts in thunderstorms; 60°-85°). 50 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (38 species, 215 individuals).
- 16, Saturday. Chatfield SRA (CSRA). Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Alan Hay, Joe Himmel, Kathy Hirst, Joey Kellner, Hazel Kellogg, Jack Reddall, Chuck Romeo, Joe & Norma Shwed, Anne Southcott, Steve Stachowiak, Ruth Wheeler, Virgil Williams. (Mostly cloudy in A.M. becoming partly cloudy with P.M. thunderstorms; Wind, variable 0-10 MPH; 65°-90°). 30 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 9 hours birding. (72 species, 3048 individuals).
- 17, Sunday. South Park: Jefferson, Georgia Pass & Hack Ranch (SPK). Leader: Carol Hack. Observers: Lori Chappell, Brenda Cockrell, Warren Finch, Mike Foster, Richard Hale, Lisa Hardy, Phil Hayes, Irv Jackson, Joey Kellner, JoAnne Kyhl, Joe Meltzer (Los Angeles, CA), Linda Metcalf, Dorothy Percy, Jack Reddall, Dick Schottler, Kathy Schottler, Steve Weiss. (Clear in A.M., mostly cloudy in P.M.; Wind, NW 0-40 MPH; 50°-75°). 25 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 7.5 hours birding. (51 species, 379 individuals).
- 23, Saturday. Plains Conservation Center (PC). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Jack Reddall, Joe TenBrink, Virgil Williams. (Partly cloudy; Wind, S 0-5 MPH; 72°-92°). 10 miles by car, .25 mile on foot. 3.5 hours birding. (30 species, 201 individuals).
- 24, Sunday. Coal Creek Canyon to Eldora (CE). Leader: Duane Nelson. Observers: Warren Finch, Tom & Marjorie Gibb, Irv Jackson, Bob Jickling, David Martin, Don & Diane Mullineaux, Anne Southcott, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Joe TenBrink, Carley Warren, Rob Wilson. (Clear; Wind, calm; 60°-75°). 42 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 9 hours birding. (56 species, 318 individuals).
- 27, Wednesday. "Century Run": Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA; Castlewood Canyon S.P.; Sedalia; Louviers; Waterton; Chatfield SRA; Morrison; Genesee Mountain Park; I-70, I-76 & U.S. Hwy. 85 to LaSalle; Lower Latham Reservoir; farm ponds at Weld Co. Rds. 6&61; Prospect Reservoir (CEN). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear becoming partly cloudy in P.M.; Wind, N 0-10 MPH; 65°-98°). 261 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 13 hours birding. (112 species, 6462 individuals).
- 30, Saturday. Genesee Mountain Park, Fillius Park, Hiwan Lake, Squaw Mountain & Echo Lake (GP). Leader: Mort Staatz. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Lisa Hardy, Alan & Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Kathy Holt, Mary Jane Schock, Helen Williams, Amy Young. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, calm; 70°-80°). 72 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 7 hours birding. (44 species, 297 individuals).
- 30&31, Saturday & Sunday. Northeastern Colorado: Tamarack Ranch SWA, Red Lion SWA, Jumbo Reservoir, Crook, Prewitt Reservoir SWA, Fort Morgan, Bijou Reservoir and "Pelican Refuges" near Jackson Reservoir (NECO). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Glenn & Jean Hageman, Joe Himmel, Randy Lentz, Bob Spencer. (Clear to scattered P.M. clouds; Wind, SW 0-15 MPH; 65°-100°). 151 miles by car, 9 miles on foot. 26 hours birding. (106 species, 4737 individuals).

JULY 1988 FIELD TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 184 species were reported from 11 Denver Field Ornithologists' scheduled field trips and one individual field trip. For the first time in several months, there were some noteworthy and interesting sightings. Five American Bitterns were found on the two-day weekend field trip to northeastern Colorado on July 31: one was seen along the intake canal at Prewitt Reservoir SWA and four (possibly a family group-?) at the "Pelican Refuges" along Morgan County Road 2 near Jackson Reservoir SRA. Three adult Great Egrets were seen on the same trip on July 30 at the Red Lion SWA. The only Snowy Egret for the month was observed on July 31 near Weldona in Morgan County. Two Cattle Egrets appeared at Lower Latham Reservoir on July 27. An immature Yellow-crowned Night-Heron provided an outstanding study for the observers participating in the two-day weekend field trip on July 30 at Red Lion SWA. Wood Ducks! Fourteen were observed on the 27th at Lower Latham Reservoir near Greeley. Where are they nesting in the area? An early (?) male Ring-necked Duck in poor plumage was observed on July 31 swimming with 9 Redheads at Bijou Reservoir near Fort Morgan. Certainly one of the more intriguing reports for the month came from the July 2&3 weekend trip to the North Park area where one male and two female Buffleheads were observed at the Arapaho NWR. There are no breeding records for this species in Colorado! Also worthy of note were 33 Common Mergansers seen at Chatfield SRA on July 16-most of which appeared to be young birds. A single Northern Goshawk was seen by the July 17 field trip flying near the Hack Ranch in South Park. Two Black-necked Stilts were reported by the weekend trip to North Park over July 2&3. Twelve Upland Sandpipers were counted on July 30 in the vicinity of the Red Lion SWA. Shorebirds in general continued an early southbound journey with 14 species reported over the weekend of July 30&31 in extreme northeastern Colorado including 22 Long-billed Curlews at Red Lion SWA on July 30. Half of this flock were immature birds. However, the majority of shorebirds found were mostly adults in alternate plumage. Shorebird nesting attempts may have been greatly curtailed this breeding season due to the extremely dry conditions in northern Canada and in Alaska. The only Yellow-billed Cuckoo recorded for the month was well heard and seen on July 31 at the west end of Prewitt Reservoir SWA. A single Eastern Screech-Owl was heard calling at dusk along the South Platte River at the Tamarack Ranch SWA on July 30th. One male Calliope Hummingbird was well seen by several of the observers on the July 17 field trip to South Park. This tiny hummer was feeding on wild flowers near the 10,500' level on Georgia Pass. Twenty Red-headed Woodpeckers were observed on July 30&31 between Tamarack Ranch SWA and Jumbo Reservoir with several young birds noted. Observers on the field trip to the Hack Ranch near Jefferson in South Park on July 17 were treated to two active nests of Dusky Flycatchers in an aspen grove near the ranch house. One nest contained three very young birds which were constantly being fed by the adult birds. Unquestionably the best find of the month must be attributed to Glenn and Jean Hageman who reported seeing Great Crested Flycatchers at the west end of Prewitt Reservoir on July 29th. The field trip to northeastern Colorado returned to the area on July 31 and with the help of the Hagemans located 2 adults and four fully-fledged youngsters! The young birds called constantly to their parents as they foraged among the cottonwoods and willows. There are no verified breeding records for the state! Bank Swallows congregated in great numbers as usual for this time of year on the power lines near Lower Latham Reservoir with 800 estimated in one flock on July 27. One thousand Cliff Swallows were estimated by the observers on the Chatfield SRA field trip on the 16th. Again this month there were no reports of Canyon Wrens. One Veery was found in North Park over the weekend of July 2&3. Two Sage Thrashers foraged along the road near the headquarters building of the Plains Conservation Center on July 23, the only ones reported during the month. Three Bell's Vireos were still singing along the South Platte River at the

Tamarack Ranch SWA on July 30th. Virgil Williams discovered a nesting pair of American Redstarts upstream from "Kingfisher Bridge" at the Chatfield SRA. On July 16 he led the DFO field trip to the spot where the female was easily observed sitting on the nest. The male was also seen in the immediate area. Four male Dickcissels were seen and heard on July 30 near Crook in northeastern Colorado and two more males were seen on the same day at the Tamarack Ranch SWA. One Fox Sparrow was heard singing on July 17 in the willows at the Michigan Creek Campground in South Park. It was a good month!

JULY 1988	2-3	4	6	9	10	16	17	23	24	27	30	30-
AREA COVERED	NOPK	GB	GGCSP	BAR	RP	CSRA	SPK	PC	CE	CEN	GP	NECO
LIFE ZONES VISITED	MTNS	PL	FHL MTN	PLN	MT	PLNS	MTN	PL	MT	P/F	MT	PLNS
Pied-billed Grebe	5					1im				1		11
Eared Grebe	60									1		7
Western Grebe	1			15		25				250		3
Clark's Grebe										2		
American White Pelican				9						15		960
Double-crested Cormorant	5	2		65		550				350	3	100
American Bittern												5
Great Blue Heron	1			6		44				20		30
Great Egret												3
Snowy Egret												1
Cattle Egret										2		
Black-crowned Night-Heron	2	2		10		6a3i				2		1a1i
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron												1im
Canada Goose	500	38	6	2	36	230				45		175
Wood Duck						12				15		2ma
Green-winged Teal	2									1		
Mallard	135	42		16	28	2m	36		2	50	40	35
Northern Pintail										1fe		2
Blue-winged Teal	8									10		
Cinnamon Teal	4			1						5		
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.						1						25
Northern Shoveler	6									2		1ma
Gadwall	6					5				10		11
American Wigeon	67											3
Redhead	7									2		11
Ring-necked Duck	6											1ma
Lesser Scaup	9	1										
Bufflehead	1m2f											
Common Merganser	10					33				10		
Ruddy Duck	36			1						175		22
Turkey Vulture									1	1		
Osprey	1											
Northern Harrier	3			2		1im		1f				3fe
Cooper's Hawk									1		1	
Northern Goshawk												
Swainson's Hawk	2			4		1	1	3		8		13
Red-tailed Hawk			3						2			
western races	2					1	1	1		1		8
Golden Eagle	4					2						
American Kestrel	1		1	1		4	1	2	1	6		12
Ring-necked Pheasant												1fe
Northern Bobwhite												3
Virginia Rail												3
Sora	3-H						1			3-H		3-H
American Coot	58	1		11						20		10

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LIFE ZONES VISITED	MTNS	PL	FHL MTN	PLN	MT	PLNS	MTN	PL	MT	P/F	MT	NECO
Killdeer	32		2	7		60		2		15		120
Black-necked Stilt	2											
American Avocet	14			1						11		
Greater Yellowlegs				9								3
Lesser Yellowlegs	2					2				5		25
Solitary Sandpiper						3				2		4
Willet	5											
Spotted Sandpiper	5		2			40	1		4	40		6
Upland Sandpiper												12
Long-billed Curlew												22
Semipalmated Sandpiper												5
Western Sandpiper						7				8		20
Least Sandpiper						6				15		20
Baird's Sandpiper						4				30		85
Stilt Sandpiper												53
Long-billed Dowitcher										8		20
Common Snipe	13						3			2		
Wilson's Phalarope	61						2			10		40
Franklin's Gull				26						15		350
Ring-billed Gull						50				35		55
California Gull	4			31		40				30		
Forster's Tern	6									1		20
Black Tern	2									10		35
Rock Dove		11	2	4		21		3		40		11
Band-tailed Pigeon									4			
Mourning Dove	21	5	3	45		22		3	2	85	1	180
Yellow-billed Cuckoo												1
Eastern Screech-Owl												1-H
Great Horned Owl						2		1		2		3
Burrowing Owl								8		4		8
Common Nighthawk	5	3				1		3	8	1		10
Chimney Swift												1
White-throated Swift										3		
Calliope Hummingbird							1ma					
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	6		3N	4	20	2ma	8		20	3ma	30	
Rufous Hummingbird							7		4		1	
Belted Kingfisher		1		1	1	2	6			2		4
Lewis' Woodpecker							1			2		
Red-headed Woodpecker												20
Red-naped Sapsucker	7		1N				10N		1		1	
Williamson's Sapsucker	1						1fe			1fe	2	
Downy Woodpecker				3					1	1		
eastern races						3						2
Hairy Woodpecker									3		1	
Northern Flicker									2		1	30
"Yellow-shafted" race												3
"Red-shafted" race	2	5	1	2	2	4	7	7		4		
Olive-sided Flycatcher								3				
Western Wood-Pewee	1		4		2		25	10N	1	5	20	1
Willow Flycatcher	1											
Hammond's Flycatcher			2N		1							
Dusky Flycatcher			1					8Y				
Western Flycatcher					5N				2	4	1	
Empidonax sp.					4						3	

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Great Crested Flycatcher													2a4i
Western Kingbird					9		2		6		60		200
Eastern Kingbird					11		6				5		130
Horned Lark	3				14			3	3		15		1
Tree Swallow	13		5	12N			20	50N		20	1		
Violet-green Swallow	5		2	2N		25		1		6	35	10	
No. Rough-winged Swallow		4			9		5				3		1
Bank Swallow							35		5		800		225
Cliff Swallow	70		157		20		1000	75N	2		400		35
Barn Swallow	18		3	8N	3	2	75			4	600	1	350
Gray Jay	5							2				6	
Steller's Jay				2		7				8	6	8	
Blue Jay							1				7		11
Scrub Jay													
Clark's Nutcracker								4		5		8	
Black-billed Magpie	9	15	2		16	2	30	3	5	6	35	2	1
American Crow	6					3		1			2	4	
Common Raven	9			1		4		4		12		4	
Black-capped Chickadee	1	6			14	8	10				10		17
Mountain Chickadee	2		1			3		4		4	15	18	
Red-breasted Nuthatch												2	
White-breasted Nuthatch										1	4	1	
Pygmy Nuthatch				2N						6	25	22	
Brown Creeper										6		3	
Rock Wren							1				1		
House Wren	2	4	1	2N	12	7N	45	4		2N	6	2	80
Marsh Wren											4		
American Dipper						1				3			
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2												
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	10			1				6		8		10	
Western Bluebird											15	5	
Mountain Bluebird	1		3			1m		6		1	3	6	
Townsend's Solitaire			1							1		5	
Veery	1												
Swainson's Thrush										1			
Hermit Thrush	8							4		4			
American Robin	22	10	10		11	8	13	12	4	12	30	10	33
Northern Mockingbird													1
Sage Thrasher									2				
Brown Thrasher													20
Cedar Waxwing							4						
Loggerhead Shrike													1
European Starling	2	14	9		46	2	225		38	1	600		70
Bell's Vireo													3-H
Solitary Vireo			2N										
"Plumbeous" race										1	4		
Warbling Vireo	3		1			12				3	1		2a1i
Red-eyed Vireo											2		
Virginia's Warbler											1ma		
Yellow Warbler	9	5			4		9	3			2ma		9
Yellow-rumped Warbler										4			
"Audubon's" race	16	1		2		1		3				4	

JULY 1988 AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	2-3 NOPK MTNS	4 GB PL	6 GGCSP FHL MTN	9 BAR PLN	10 RP MT	16 CSRA PLNS	17 SPK MTN	23 PC PL	24 CE MT	27 CEN P/F	30 GP MT	30-31 NECO PLNS
American Redstart						3N						
MacGillivray's Warbler	1				3m							
Common Yellowthroat		5		1	2	6				25		25
Wilson's Warbler	12						2		2			
Yellow-breasted Chat		3				35				6		11
Western Tanager					7				1	1ma		
Black-headed Grosbeak			1			1m1f		10	4ma		3	4
Blue Grosbeak						2m1f	1m					2ma
Lazuli Bunting			7		5	9ma				6		2ma
LazuliXIndigo Bunting					1m							
Indigo Bunting						1ma						1ma
Dickcissel												6ma
Green-tailed Towhee			2	1	15			2		1	2	
Rufous-sided Towhee			1		2							4
"Spotted" races						12				45		
Chipping Sparrow				1	3		3	3		6	5	25
Brewer's Sparrow	1											1
Vesper Sparrow						3	2	8		3		2
Lark Sparrow						1		42		100		100
Lark Bunting								10		100		25
Savannah Sparrow	15					1	35			1		3
Grasshopper Sparrow								3				20
Fox Sparrow							1-H					
Song Sparrow	5	4	2	3	3	6	3		2	15		
Lincoln's Sparrow				2N			1		12			
White-crowned Sparrow	10								25		4	
"Rocky Mountain" race							12					
Dark-eyed Junco									10		12	
"Gray-headed" race	4		1	5	1		7					
Red-winged Blackbird	45	35	9	9	64	7	20	8	3	10	300	165
Western Meadowlark	2		2		7		45	10		75		125
Yellow-headed Blackbird	32	2			140					300		22
Brewer's Blackbird	31			11		5	25	2		6		
Common Grackle	3	30	2		9		35	3		300	10	40
Brown-headed Cowbird	15		4		3	1	3	3	1	1		4
Orchard Oriole												50
Northern Oriole		4										
"Baltimore" race												1ma
"Bullock's" race			3		26		14	2		15		70
Pine Grosbeak							5		4			
Cassin's Finch				2	1f		10		7		4	
House Finch		3	3			30		25		30	10	
Red Crossbill	3				3		1					
Pine Siskin	18			5	15		30		40	7	14	
Lesser Goldfinch			3			6			2	35	1	
American Goldfinch			2			50				60		40
Evening Grosbeak				1	2m				6	1	12	
House Sparrow	10	7	3		11	2		1		300	4	125
TOTAL SPECIES - 184	85	28		55	43	38	72	51	30	56	112	106

ABBREVIATIONS AND NOTES:

Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i;
 Heard Only=H; Includes 5 nestlings=Y; Plains=PLNS,
 PLN, PL,P; Foothills=FHL,F; Mountains=MTNS, MTN,MT.

REPORTS FROM "TUESDAY BIRDERS"

JULY 5, SQUAW PASS, ECHO LAKE AND SUMMIT LAKE. Leader: Ann Bonnell.
Observers: 24

Red-tailed Hawk-1, Am. Kestrel-2, Broad-tailed Hummingbird-9,
Northern Flicker-4, Western Flycatcher-1, Steller's Jay-1, Clark's
Nutcracker-2, Common Raven-1, House Wren-7, Ruby-crowned Kinglet-1,
Mountain Bluebird-5, American Robin-7, Water Pipit-13, Warbling
Vireo-1, Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon"-2, Wilson's Warbler-2,
Chipping Sparrow-1, Vesper Sparrow-1, Lincoln's Sparrow-1, White-
crowned Sparrow-9, Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed"-3, Rosy Finch
"Br-capped"-7, Pine Siskin-9, Evening Grosbeak-5, (24 species, 95
individuals).

JULY 12, GUANELLA PASS. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 25.

Turkey Vulture-1, Spotted Sandpiper-2, Bd-tl Hummingbird-6, Northern
Flicker-2, Violet-green Swallow-2, Gray Jay-4, Steller's Jay-4,
Clark's Nutcracker-1, Black-billed Magpie-2, Mountain Chickadee-2,
American Dipper-4, Ruby-crowned Kinglet-2, Townsend's Solitaire-1,
Hermit Thrush-1, American Robin-7, Wilson's Warbler-6, Lincoln's
Sparrow-1, White-crowned Sparrow-10, Dark-eyed Junco "Gray
Headed"-2, Common Grackle-4, Brown-hd Cowbird-2.
(21 species, 68 individuals).

JULY 19, rescheduled to July 26 because of inclement weather.

JULY 26, MT. EVANS ELK MANAGEMENT. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers:
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Mallard-5, Turkey Vulture-8, Red-tailed Hawk-5, Am. Kestrel-1, Band-
tailed Pigeon-2, Bd-tl Hummingbird-9, Belted Kingfisher-1, Red-naped
Sapsucker-5, Northern Flicker-4, Oliver-sided Flycatcher-4, Western
Wood-Pewee-3, Western Flycatcher-3, Tree Swallow-8, Violet-green
Swallow-7, Barn Swallow-9, Steller's Jay-3, Common Raven-1, White-
breasted Nuthatch-2, Pygmy Nuthatch-5, House Wren-4, American
Dipper-2, Ruby-crowned Kinglet-6, Mountain Bluebird-6, Townsend's
Solitaire-1, American Robin-5, Warbling Vireo-2, Dark-eyed Junco
"Gray-headed"-6, Red-winged Blackbird-7.
(28 species, 124 individuals).

Monna Krebs (compiler)

ADDITIONAL JULY 1988 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

Little Blue Heron 7-22 (1 immature) Riverside Reservoir, Weld Co. (JH).

Brief details submitted (JH).

Osprey 7-31 (1 adult) South Delaney Lake, Jackson Co. (KH).

Blue Grouse 7-31 (6) near Critchell, Jefferson Co. (AH).

Northern Bobwhite 7-1 (1) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan Co. (AH).

Upland Sandpiper 7-1 (5) Sedgwick, Sedgwick Co. (AH).

Bonaparte's Gull 7-14 (1 immature) San Luis Lakes, Alamosa Co. (NE).

Black Swift 7-2 & 7-3 (6) circling the 400 foot cliffs four miles east of
Vail and south of Gore Creek, Eagle Co. (TS).

Calliope Hummingbird 7-22 (1 male) Crestone, Saguache Co. (HR).

ADDITIONAL JULY 1988 REPORTS (continued)

Red-bellied Woodpecker 7-1 (1) along the South Platte River at Crook, Logan Co. (AH).
 Three-toed Woodpecker 7-24 (1 male, 1 female) Mt. Evans SWA, Clear Creek Co. (AS).
 Western Flycatcher 7-14 (nesting pair) near Critchell, Jefferson Co. (AH); 7-30 (5) Teal Lake at 8600', Jackson Co. (KH).
 Hermit Thrush 7-4 (2 Lefthand Park Reservoir, Boulder Co. (AH).
 Wood Thrush 7-4 (1 adult) Barr Lake State Park, Adams Co. (BC,JK). Superb written documentation submitted (BC,JK).
 Bell's Vireo 7-1 (1) Tamarack Ranch SWA, Logan Co. (AH).
 Dickcissel 7-1 (1 singing male) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (AH); 7-1 (1) Sedgwick, Sedgwick Co. (AH).
 Fox Sparrow 7-4 (2) near the old townsite of Hessie, ?-Co. (AH).
 White-winged Crossbill 7-23 (5) 1 mile north of Longdraw Campground, Poudre Canyon, Larimer Co. (JC).

CONTRIBUTORS: Brenda Cockrell (BC), Jack Coss (JC), Norm Erthal (NE), Kathy Hawkins (KH), Alan Hay (AH), Joe Himmel (JH), Joey Kellner (JK), Ted Stockmar (TS), Helen Ryan (HR).

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After three years of effort by volunteers, the Denver Audubon Society has produced a wildlife habitat map of the Denver metropolitan area. Copies of the map be ordered from the Denver Audubon Society, 975 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado 80203 (Tel. 860-1471) Maps cost \$2.00 plus 75¢ for postage.

LISTER'S CORNER

Dramatic news comes from the Gunnison area again this summer where the now infamous female RED-BACKED HAWK returned to seduce a male Swainson's Hawk. Together they set up housekeeping and produced two young birds! This astonishing turn of events provides the avid lister with the unique golden opportunity of ticking off three, count 'em, three new species for their state and North American life lists with one shot! First there is the female Red-backed Hawk herself (if you didn't tick it off last year) - Buteo polyosoma. Next are the two, probably very strange offsprings that can be counted: a RED-BACKED SWAINSONS (Buteo strangeus) and a SWAINSON'S RED-BACK (Buteo ridiculosus). As a bonus, be sure and tick off the male Swainson's Hawk as there is a good bet that this poor soul will most likely be split into a new species - Buteo confusidicus. Suggestions for a common name are solicited. So go for the gusto in Gunnison! Be the first on your block to claim to have put all of these birds on your state and life lists. Your expertise and prowess as a top birder will unquestionably be enhanced by doing so.

Food for thought. There are some Colorado birders who steadfastly claim that the female Red-backed Hawk went south last fall (1987) with the Swainson's Hawks to Argentina and predicted its return this spring to the Gunnison area. This may be so, but your Editor feels he saw the Red-backed Hawk at a backyard feeder near Commerce City in January 1988. And the beat goes on! ! ! !

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 1988INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111. PLEASE NOTE: Submitting Field Trip summaries in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List order saves the Editor considerable time and trouble since his worksheets are laid out in this manner. There are several Field Check-Lists currently in circulation that are badly out-of-date and/or unsuitable for use by the Editor. Field Trip Leaders are urged to use the Check-List that appeared in the July 1988 issue of the Lark Bunting (Vol. 23, No. 10) or follow its format to compile and submit results of their Field Trips.
2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered by car and on foot and duration of the trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "Color Morphs" (e.g., Snow Goose-"White" morph vs. "Blue" morph) and/or subspecies (e.g., Northern Oriole-"Baltimore" race vs. "Bullock's" race) with your summary.
4. On Field Trips where more than one Life Zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species found in each Life Zone (e.g., Plains, Foothills, Mountains, Alpine).
5. Individual Field Trips are acceptable and will be published along with the results of regularly scheduled DFO Field Trips depending upon space and interest.
6. Deadline for receipt of all Field Trip Reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the Monthly Summaries.
7. Please notify the Editor (Jack Reddall - Tel. 771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

SEPTEMBER 3, Saturday. WHITE RANCH-JEFFERSON OPEN SPACE. Leader: Phil Hayes (232-7421). Meet at the Ramada Inn, Kipling Street Exit off I-70 on east side of the motel at 7:00 A.M. *

3,4&5, Labor Day Weekend. SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO. Leader: Dan Bridges (755-7665). On September 3rd, meet at 9:00 A.M. at the Diamond Shamrock Gas Station in Ordway (Junction of Colorado Highways 71 & 96). Trip will start at Lake Meredith and go to Cheraw, Hasty, Nee-So-Pah Reservoir and Lamar. Overnight will be primitive camping in Cottonwood Canyon or in Springfield (motels and good private campground). On September 4th, birding will be done in Cottonwood Canyon area. On September 5th, birding will be flexible. Bring food and water for meals and snacks.

10&11, Saturday & Sunday. 1988 ANNUAL FALL COUNT. Coordinator: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Compiler: Carol Hack (777-7893). Field Trip Leaders: Send your reports to Carol Hack - 1034 South Steele Street, Denver, Colorado 80209. Deadline is Sept. 20!

SEPTEMBER 10, SATURDAY:

WATERTON. Leader: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Meet at 6:30 A.M., Park & Ride, South Wadsworth Blvd. and U.S. Highway 285 (southwest corner) or at the Waterton Bridge at 6:45 A.M. *

CHATFIELD SRA. Leaders: Joey Kellner (988-5961) and Brenda Cockrell (989-9018). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at the Park & Ride, South Wadsworth Blvd. and U.S. Highway 285 (southwest corner) or at West Gate entrance to Chatfield SRA at 6:45 A.M. *

BEAR CREEK LAKE PARK. Leader: Mary Jane Schock (922-3144). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest section near Burlington Coat Factory), South Sheridan Blvd. at U.S. Highway 285 (Hampden Avenue). *

SEPTEMBER 11, SUNDAY:

BARR LAKE PERIPHERY. Leader: Walt Bull (751-1032). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at East Gate entrance to Barr Lake State Park. *

CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK. Leader: Randy Lentz (777-7101). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at Park & Ride at I-225 & Parker Road (southwest quadrant). *

CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SRA. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 6:00 A.M. at West Gate entrance to Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA. *

BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Dick Schottler (278-8035). Meet at 6:00 A.M. at East Gate entrance to Barr Lake State Park. Strenuous 8-10 mile hike around the lake. *

17, Saturday. RIGLI RANCH (near Fort Morgan). Leader: Joe Rigli. Coordinator: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History (north Parking lot) or at the Pepperpod Restaurant in Hudson (I-76) at 7:45 A.M. *

18, Sunday. ROXBOROUGH STATE PARK. Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). Meet at parking lot at South Broadway and County Line Road (by Albertson's) at 7:30 A.M. *

24, Saturday. SEDALIA, PLUM CREEK AND CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Meet in the parking lot at South Logan and Hampden Avenue (U.S. Hwy. 285) near the Safeway Store at 7:00 A.M. *

SEPTEMBER 25, Sunday. PLAINS TO FOOTHILLS: BEAR CREEK AND BEAR CREEK LAKE PARK. Leaders: Cal Wichern (693-3718) and Tim Moore (986-4158). Meet at Bear Creek Shopping Center (southwest section near the Burlington Coat Factory), South Sheridan Blvd. at U.S. Highway 285 (Hampden Avenue) at 8:00 A.M. *

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FIELD TRIP COORDINATORS

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TUESDAY BIRDERS. You are welcome to join a group of birders on each Tuesday of the month. Call Ann Bonnell (979-6211) for details.

BIRDWATCHING FOR BEGINNERS

Denver Audubon Society will sponsor a class this fall for beginning birdwatchers. The course features six Saturday morning field trips to Denver area birding places like Chatfield and Barr Lake State Parks, Red Rocks and Genesee Parks, plus two evening sessions. The course runs from September 29 through November 12. Instructors are Urling and Hugh Kingery, who have taught the course for six years. Cost for the eight-session class is \$80.00. For course information, contact the Audubon office (860-1471) or register by sending a check for your tuition along with your name, address and evening and daytime telephone numbers to DAS, 975 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203. The course objective is to teach beginners how to identify birds on their own. The class covers the basics of birdwatching-field guides and how to use them, equipment and the birds.

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS -- Membership Information

WELCOME to the D.F.O.

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December), 7:30 p.m. at the Denver Museum of Natural History West Auditorium. Date and time reported on Rare Bird Alert 423-5582. These meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in different sections of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring your lunch and wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile per car divided by number of passengers including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, The Lark Bunting, is issued monthly listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on previous month's trips is given in check-list order as well as many of the interesting sightings reported by members.

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AUGUST 1988 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- AUGUST 6, Saturday. Bailey, Grant, Guanella Pass and Georgetown (BGG).
Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Lisa Hardy, Mary Beth Harris, Alan & Dee Hay, Hazel Kellogg, JoAnne Kyhl, Thompson Marsh, Linda Metcalf, Dorothy Percy, Jack Reddall, Anne Southcott, Joe TenBrink, Helen Tripp, Donald Spencer, Charlene Warneke, Ruth Wheeler. (Mostly cloudy with rain by mid-afternoon; Wind, mostly calm; 60°-80°). 72 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 7.5 hours birding. (43 species, 312 individuals).
- 7, Sunday. Bear Creek Area-plains to foothills (BC). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Gloria Bylund, Mark Hinga, Chuck Romeo, Janis Steenberg, Rick Steenberg, Virgil Williams. (Partly cloudy, light rain showers; Wind, light; 60°-85°). 30 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 8.5 hours birding. (46 species, 268 individuals).
- 13, Saturday. Rocky Mountain National Park: Lower Beaver Creek Meadows, Alpine Visitor Center, Rock Cut, Endovalley, West Alluvial Fan, SE Horseshoe Park (RM). Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: Jane Bonn, Ruth Breckon, Ruth Bull, Linda & Rick Byrnes (Florida),

- AUGUST 13 David Chaffin (Tennessee), John Czerwiec, Lisa Hardy, Alan & Dee Hay, Joe Himmel, Kathy Holt, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Randy Lentz, Anne Southcott, Erin Stecher, Karl Stecher, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler, Amy Young. (Clear with scattered P.M. clouds; Wind, SW 0-30 MPH; 55°-75°). 36 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 9 hours birding. (44 species, 185 individuals).
- 14, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leaders: Lee & Marilyn Rowe. Observers: Walt Bull, Rick & Linda Byrnes (Florida), David Chaffin (Tennessee), John Czerwiec, Rick Maslow, Pat & Bob McNeil, Gwen Noakes, Janis & Rick Steenberg, Joe TenBrink. (Clear; Wind, W 0-5 MPH; 65°-85°). Zero miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. 3.5 hours birding. (43 species, 2808 individuals).
- 19, Friday. "Century Run": Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Castlewood Canyon State Park, Sedalia, Louviers, Chatfield SRA, U.S. Hwy. 85 to LaSalle, Lower Latham Reservoir, farm ponds at Weld Co. Rds. 6&67, 6&61, 18&53, Prospect Reservoir (CEN). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear with scattered P.M. clouds; Wind, variable 5-10 MPH; 58°-90°). 234 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 13 hours birding. (111 species, 6299 individuals).
- 20, Saturday. Boulder area: Flagstaff to Kassler Lake (BL). Leaders: Art & Helen Wainwright. Observers: Lisa Hardy, Alan & Dee Hay, Irv Jackson, Mort & Rosemary Staatz, Joe TenBrink, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Wind, light; 70°-85°). 16 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. 6 hours birding. (30 species, 89 individuals).
- 21, Sunday. Denver to Briggsdale (Crow Valley Park); Pawnee National Grassland (Murphy's Pasture); farm pond at Weld County Roads 73&124; Colo. Hwy. 392 from Briggsdale to Lower Latham Reservoir; return to Denver (PNGL). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Virginia Elder, Jack Reddall, Mort Staatz, Pat Stevens, Joe TenBrink. (Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with occasional light sprinkles in P.M.; Wind, SW 10-20 MPH; 65°-85°). 240 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 12.5 hours birding. (102 species, 4152 individuals).
- 27, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCK). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Jack Reddall. (Cloudy early becoming mostly clear; Wind, NE 10-15 MPH; 60°-70°). 16 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 6 hours birding. (57 species, 735 individuals).
- 28, Sunday. Northeastern Colorado: Denver to Prewitt Reservoir, Bijou Reservoir and "Pelican Refuges" southwest of Jackson Reservoir (NECO). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Brenda Cockrell, Virginia Elder, Norm Erthal, Tom & Virginia Faxon, Warren Finch, Lisa Hardy, Joe Himmel, Kathy Hirst, Bob Jickling, Pearl Jordan, Joey Kellner, Randy Lentz, Marilyn & Lee Rowe, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Pat Stevens. (Partly cloudy, hazy; Wind, SW 5-25 MPH; 53°-80°). 259 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. 12 hours birding. (107 species, 11,602 individuals).

AUGUST 1988 FIELD TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 188 species were reported during August resulting from eight regularly scheduled DFO field trips and one individual field trip. On three of these field trips more than 100 species were recorded with 111 found on August 19 between Castle Rock and Greeley area, 102 species on August 21 to the Pawnee National Grassland and 107 on the 28th to northeastern Colorado! A non-breeding plumaged Common Loon was reported on the August 7th field trip

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to the Bear Creek area. An adult Olivaceous Cormorant was found sitting on a stump in the water some 25 yards off the end of the Plum Creek delta at Chatfield SRA on August 19. There are less than 10 valid records for this bird's appearance in Colorado, a southern species which may be expanding its range northward in the central plains. A single American Bittern was seen on the 28th in a cattail marsh at the "Pelican Refuges" just southwest of Jackson Reservoir. Great Egrets were reported twice during the month - two at Barr Lake S.P. on August 14 and a single bird at Bijou Reservoir near Fort Morgan on the 28th. One immature Little Blue Heron was reported at Barr Lake S.P. on August 13 without details. It is certainly a strange phenomenon in that every fall a number of immature Little Blue Herons are turned in to the Editor. Yet it is very seldom that an adult bird is reported at any time during the year. Indeed, some years go by without a single adult being found in the entire state! So why all the immatures every fall? Naturally a good case can be made for post-breeding wandering. But again, why only immatures? Your Editor surmizes that in the majority of cases the birds seen and reported are in reality immature Snowy Egrets which in typical individuals have green or yellow-green legs especially up the back of the legs. Great care needs to be exercised because of the considerable difficulty in separating immature Little Blue Herons from immature Snowy Egrets and vice-versa in the field. Don't assume that all birds with green or yellow-green legs are automatically immature Little Blue Herons (as some field guides would have you believe). Look for a well-pronounced two-tone bill and dusky tips to the primaries (not always readily apparent) before settling on a bird being an immature Little Blue Heron. And by all means it is certainly no crime to let some individual immatures go by as unidentified!!! Irrespective of what some bird-watchers proclaim, not every bird can be correctly identified in the field. Caution combined with a degree of experience is a good practice to follow in field identification, not just with immature herons but with all species of birds. 'Nuff said! Cattle Egrets began making their annual fall appearance in the pastures south of Lower Latham Reservoir with 30 seen on the 19th and 50 on the 21st. Their numbers should increase considerably by Labor Day. An immature Hooded Merganser was spotted on a farm pond on August 21 at Weld Co. Rds. 73&124 in the middle of the Pawnee National Grassland several miles west of Grover. A single Blue Grouse delighted observers on the field trip to Rocky Mountain National Park on the 13th-always a treat to see this elusive bird. A single Wild Turkey was observed along the South Platte River at Goodrich in Morgan County on August 28. On the same day, a covey of 25 Northern Bobwhites was flushed below the dam at Prewitt Reservoir. Shorebirds were attracted in good numbers to the ponds, lakes and reservoirs where low water provided ample mud flats with 22 species recorded during the month. However, there were no really unusual species found, just the normally expected. The first Common Tern of the fall was easily studied while sitting on the mud flats at Prewitt Reservoir on the 28th. Also on the 28th at Prewitt Reservoir, two elusive Yellow-billed Cuckoos provided brief glimpses to a few lucky observers. A highly vocal and well publicized Eastern Wood-Pewee and seen by many was counted on August 19th by the Editor who knows of no fail-safe way to separate the Eastern from the Western Wood-Pewee in the field except by calls. There are only a handful of authentic records for Eastern Wood-Pewees in Colorado. Single Willow Flycatchers were found on the 6th (near Guanella Pass!) and at Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA on the 27th. On August 28 a lone Least Flycatcher was observed only briefly below the dam at Prewitt Reservoir. At last, three Canyon Wrens turned up at Castlewood Canyon S.P. on August 19! Where have they been all year? Eight Eastern Bluebirds turned up below the dam at Prewitt Reservoir on August 28, with five being spot-breasted immatures. No unusual warbler species were reported by field trip observers during the month. In addition, there were no surprises amongst the sparrows reported. A single female "Baltimore" race of the Northern Oriole was found on August 28, again below the dam at Prewitt Reservoir. A male Pine Grosbeak was well seen on

August 6 just below the summit of Guanella Pass (north side) and two others amazingly were reported on the 7th on the Bear Creek field trip, which has to be at an extremely low elevation for this time of year.

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AUGUST 1988 AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	6 BGG MTN	7 BC PF	13 RM MT	14 BARR PLNS	19 CEN P/F	20 BL FH	21 PNGL PLNS	27 CCK PLN	28 NECO PLNS
American Avocet					1		6		30
Greater Yellowlegs				4	3		10		10
Lesser Yellowlegs				7	6		60		80
Solitary Sandpiper					2		2		1
Willet							1		
Spotted Sandpiper				1	4		6	1	2
Long-billed Curlew							1		
Marbled Godwit				1			1	4	5
Semipalmated Sandpiper				6					1
Western Sandpiper				2	1		50		25
Least Sandpiper				2	16		30		200
Baird's Sandpiper				62	12		40		500
Pectoral Sandpiper									20
Stilt Sandpiper							3		350
Long-billed Dowitcher				1			10		15
Common Snipe					2		2		1
Wilson's Phalarope				2	1		3		4
Red-necked Phalarope									4
Franklin's Gull				6	6		15	1	300
Ring-billed Gull		3		2000	90		180	10	125
California Gull				2	100		20	10	50
Common Tern									1
Forster's Tern							1	5	20
Black Tern					5			3	35
Rock Dove		8			80		45	2	90
Band-tailed Pigeon	3								
Mourning Dove		19		38	100	1	300	45	400
Yellow-billed Cuckoo									2
Northern Flicker									8
"Red-shafted" race	6	6	3	4	2	1	2	2	
Olive-sided Flycatcher		1					1	1	4
Western Wood-Pewee	3	2	5	3	40	6	12	10	7
Eastern Wood-Pewee					1				
Willow Flycatcher	1							1	
Least Flycatcher									1
Dusky Flycatcher			2						
Western Flycatcher	4		4				1		
Say's Phoebe							1		
Western Kingbird					250		280	8	40
Eastern Kingbird		3		2	5		7		70
Horned Lark			7	6	4		85		1
Tree Swallow				2					
Violet-green Swallow	8		25						
No. Rough-winged Swallow				4					
Bank Swallow					800		100		150
Cliff Swallow					75			30	
Barn Swallow	1	15	4	48	400		375	95	300
Gray Jay	2								
Steller's Jay	5		5		7	6			
Blue Jay		3			1				15
Scrub Jay					3				
Clark's Nutcracker	4		9						
Black-billed Magpie		12	7	22	25	1	10	8	15

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AUGUST 1988 AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	6 BGG MTN	7 BC PF	13 RM MT	14 BARR PLNS	19 CEN P/F	20 BL FH	21 PNGL PLNS	27 CCK PLN	28 NECO PLNS
Vesper Sparrow		2			15		8		1
Lark Sparrow	3				1		10	2	5
Lark Bunting					60		30		4
Savannah Sparrow					10		2	2	
Song Sparrow					1		1	4	
Lincoln's Sparrow	2		1						
White-crowned Sparrow	1								
"Rocky Mountain" race			5						
Dark-eyed Junco									
"Gray-headed" race	2		2						
McCown's Longspur							20		
Chestnut-collared Longspur							60		
Red-winged Blackbird		5		7	35		50	15	400
Western Meadowlark		4		1	50		30	5	20
Yellow-headed Blackbird				2	1		300	5	50
Brewer's Blackbird	2	3			200		75	20	
Common Grackle		2			100		120	3	800
Orchard Oriole							1m1f		
Northern Oriole									
"Baltimore" race									1fe
"Bullock's" race					1	2	1		3fe
Pine Grosbeak	1ma	2							
Cassin's Finch	6								
House Finch		23			30		1	50	
Pine Siskin	22		3		4	6			
Lesser Goldfinch					20				
American Goldfinch	3	1			35		2	35	5
Evening Grosbeak	22	1	2		5				
House Sparrow	16	3			175	1	200	40	90
TOTAL SPECIES-188	43	46	44	43	111	30	102	57	106

ABBREVIATIONS & NOTES: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i;
Heard Only=H; No Details Submitted=ND; Plains=PLNS,
PLN,P; Foothills=FH,F; Mountains=MTN,MT.

ADDITIONAL AUGUST 1988 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

PLEASE NOTE! Instructions for submitting "Additional Reports":

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the compiler reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual/rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips. Sightings reported to the Colorado Bird Report will not automatically be accepted and published in the Lark Bunting unless reported to the compiler in writing as stipulated in item 2 below.
2. Individual "Additional Reports" should be submitted in writing in Sixth A.O.U. Check-list (1983, 1985, 1987) order and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and the specific location. Please refer to the Supplement to Lark Bunting, Volume 21, Number 3 (December 1985) for instructions on preparing written documentation to support observations of extremely rare or accidental species and for any species never before recorded in Colorado.

3. Deadline for receipt of all individual "Additional Reports" is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the current month.
4. Send your "Additional Reports" to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111.

Green-backed Heron 8-5 (1 adult) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JH).
 White-faced Ibis 8-13 (2) Barr Lake State Park, Adams Co. (NE).
 Snow Goose 8-21 (15, white morph) in flight over U.S. Hwy. 36, 3 miles SW of Boulder, Boulder Co. (AH,DH).
 Golden Eagle 8-13 (1) Weld Co. Rds. 6&55 (NE).
 Blue Grouse 8-26 (3) near Critchell, Jefferson Co. (AH,DH).
 Least Tern 8-17 (6 adults, 8 juvenals) Horse Creek Reservoir, Bent/Otero Co. (MC).
 Eastern Screech-Owl 8-19 (1) and 8-24 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (AH,DH).
 Calliope Hummingbird 8-5 (1 female) Vail, Eagle Co. (BR,SR).
 Broad-tailed Hummingbird 8-13 (1 female) Barr Lake State Park (NE).
 Red-headed Woodpecker 8-20 (2 adults feeding one juvenal) First Creek north of Himalaya Road at East 48th Avenue, Denver (AS).
 Canyon Wren 8-3 (1 heard only) Castlewood Canyon State Park, Douglas Co. (JR).
 Townsend's Warbler 8-28 (1 male) Mt. Evans SWA, Clear Creek Co. (AS).
Great-tailed Grackle 8-13 (6) Weld Co. Rds. 42&45 (NE).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

PURCHASING "A BIRDER'S GUIDE" SERIES BOOKS

Be sure and purchase your copies of the "Birder's Guide" series (Lane and Holt) at regular monthly meetings of the Denver Field Ornithologists. The new "A Birder's Guide to Colorado" is now available and covers the entire state. New revisions to a "Birder's Guide to Southeastern Arizona" and "A Birder's Guide to Churchill" have recently become available. Forty percent of all sales made at DFO meetings are turned over to our treasury.

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify the Treasurer, Mr. Alan Hay - 6361 Brooks Drive, Arvada, Colorado 80004 (Tel. 422-0239). DO NOT CONTACT THE EDITOR!

FAILURE TO RECEIVE THE LARK BUNTING

For one-time failures to receive the Lark Bunting, please contact the Editor, Jack Reddall (Tel. 771-5308) who normally has extra copies to mail out as replacements.. If you fail to receive the Lark Bunting two months in a row, please contact the Treasurer, Mr. Alan Hay - 6361 Brooks Drive, Arvada, Colorado 80004 IN WRITING who will investigate the problem for corrective action.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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 Joseph & Mari Mammoser - 2919 Worthington Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80526

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The Denver Field Ornithologists wish to acknowledge the following for their generous contributions to the Colorado Bird Report: Joe Himmel and the Colorado Field Ornithologists. The DFO is most grateful. Thank you so much.

REPORT FROM "TUESDAY BIRDERS"

AUGUST 2, REYNOLDS PARK, JEFFERSON COUNTY OPEN SPACE /SONGBIRD TRAIL. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 34

Red-tailed Hawk-1, Broad-tailed Hummingbird-7, Northern Flicker-11 Western Flycatcher-3, Steller's Jay-8, American Crow-3, Common Raven-1, Black-capped Chickadee-2, Mountain Chickadee-8, House Wren-1, American Robin-4, Virginia's Warbler-1, MacGillivray's Warbler-1, Black-headed Grosbeak-1, Green-tailed Towhee-2, Chipping Sparrow-1, Pine Siskin-6. (17 species, 61 individuals).

AUGUST 9, GOLDEN GATE CANYON STATE PARK AND CRAWFORD GULCH. Leader: Else Van Erp. Observers: 20.

Mallard-16, Red-tailed Hawk-3, Spotted Sandpiper-2, Mourning Dove-2, Bd-tld. Hummingbird-6, Rufous Hummingbird-2, Belted Kingfisher-1, Lewis' Woodpecker-7, Williamson's Sapsucker-1, Hairy Woodpecker-1, Northern Flicker-1, Western Wood-Pewee-10, Western Kingbird-2 Violet-green Swallow-4, Cliff Swallow-16, Barn Swallow-10, Steller's Jay-4, Scrub Jay-1, Clark's Nutcracker-1, American Crow-2, Common Raven-1, Mountain Chickadee-8, Red-breasted Nuthatch-2, House Wren-1 Mountain Bluebird-30, Townsend's Solitaire-1, American Robin-12, Western Tanager-2, Black-headed Grosbeak-1, Chipping Sparrow-10, Vesper Sparrow-2, Savannah Sparrow-1, Song Sparrow-1, White-crowned Sparrow-2, Dark-eyed Junco "Oregon"-1 "Gray Headed"-4, Red-winged Blackbird-12, Common Grackle-6, Brown-hd Cowbird-6, Pine Siskin-4 Lesser Goldfinch "Black-backed"-10 "Green-backed"-10, American Goldfinch-2, Evening Grosbeak-2. (42 species, 223 individuals).

AUGUST 16, MAXWELL FALLS. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 25

Turkey Vulture-1, Northern Goshawk-2, Bd-tld. Hummingbird-9, Rufus Hummingbird-2, Red-naped Sapsucker-1, Olive-sided Flycatcher-3, Tree Swallow-4, Steller's Jay-1, Common Raven-13, Mountain Chickadee-24, Pygmy Nuthatch-4, Ruby-crowned Kinglet-5, Hermit Thrush-1, American Robin-4, Virginia's Warbler-1, Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed"-2, Evening Grosbeak-5. (17 species, 82 individuals).

AUGUST 23, ELDORA/HESSIE. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 18

Great Blue Heron-3, Canada Goose-2, Red-tailed Hawk-3, Broad-tld. Hummingbird-7, Northern Flicker-1, Western Flycatcher-15, Barn Swallow-8, Steller's Jay-3, Clark's Nutcracker-4, American Crow-1, Common Raven-3, Mountain Chickadee-2, White-breasted Nuthatch-2, Swainson's Thrush-1, Green-tailed Towhee-1, White-crowned Sparrow-1, Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed"-2. (17 species, 58 individuals).

Reports from "TUESDAY BIRDERS" cont.

AUGUST 30, LOS LAGOS NEAR NEDERLAND. Leaders: Ann Bonnell/Phyllis Baldwin Observers: 22

Mallard-7, Northern Harrier-1, Red-tailed Hawk-5, Broad-tld. Hummingbird-17, Downy Woodpecker-4, Hairy Woodpecker-2, Northern Flicker-2, Olive-sided Flycatcher-2, Steller's Jay-8, Clark's Nutcracker-6, American Crow-9, Mountain Chickadee-14, White-breasted Nuthatch-10, Mountain Bluebird-24, American Robin-1, Water Pipit-1, Yellow-rumped Warbler-50, Vesper Sparrow-1, Lark Sparrow-1, Dark-eyed Junco "Oregon"-2 "Gray-headed"-14, Cassin's Finch-1, Pine Siskin-9. (22 species, 191 individuals).

Monna Krebs (compiler)

It is interesting to note the report of an "Oregon" race of the Dark-eyed Junco on August 9 at Golden Gate Canyon S.P. and another on (2) on August 30 near Nederland. The "Oregon" race of the Dark-eyed Junco normally is not present in Colorado during the summer months, generally reappearing from the north by mid-September-ED.

BOOK REVIEW

by Winston William Brockner

THE BIRDS IN MY LIFE

by Catherine A. Hurlbutt

Practice makes perfect. In this, her second book, fellow-member, Catherine A. Hurlbutt, has jumped miles ahead of her first book in developing a delightful writer's savvy. Catherine Hurlbutt is a remarkable person and this book fortifies that appraisal. Like most birders, I read many bird books. In her book, Catherine even gives her version of a "birder" in Chapter 15. The nearest book to Hurlbutt's in some respects, is Konrad Lorenz's, King Solomon's Ring. I say this because deep in the hearts of both writers is an intense love and interest in birds. I like to think that Catherine Hurlbutt's next book should be ready for consideration for a John Burroughs Award Medal. The Birds in My Life is the autobiography of Catherine A. Hurlbutt. From Chapter 1, and her pungent appraisal of matrimony, there is something in this book for everyone. Catherine is a different kind of birder, and a very important one at that, although she labels herself a "Bird Lover". How many of us would hurry out at all hours to pick up and doctor an injured bird? Catherine would and does! Some interesting anecdotes: her report of Bob Niedrach's pet White-necked Raven (now Chihuahuan Raven) that would follow his car around Denver until shot by a vandal is fascinating. Her trapping expedition to catch poor, little mice, her fun with her telephone answering machine and the messages on the tapes, good information on what to feed birds, her hilarious pursuit of a Canada Goose in her bathrobe matches Konrad Lorenz's escapade on top of his chimney on a quiet Sunday morning with church-goers wondering what was going on. I would have loved to make a movie of Catherine chasing that poor goose, properly attired to capture the attention of shocked neighbors. And her chase of a coot, and escapades with the Police Department; tsk, tsk, tsk. I enjoyed the rare picture of a young Howard Rollin, a tribute to an unsung Colorado bird artist. Her chapter on bird cards recalled earlier, happier moments of childhood birding. The bird cards were beautiful and I have a deep empathy with the author over the appealing paintings, many done by the great Louis Agassiz Fuertes. The not too long bibliography is valuable and lists references for

BOOK REVIEW (continued)

the birder searching for information on how to care for injured birds. Catherine Hurlbutt puts down what must be said in her style. I am sure that nearly every reader will find something in The birds in My Life.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 1985

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED!

If you would like to lead a Field Trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Ruth Breckon (455-0970) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). The DFO is the only organization in the United States that schedules and conducts Field Trips every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year. We need Field Trip Leaders to keep the tradition going strongly.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS

Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

CARPPOOLING URGED ON FIELD TRIPS

All Denver Field Ornithologists are urged to carpool wherever possible when going on Field Trips to help conserve energy. If you contemplate going on any of the scheduled Field Trips listed below, please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for carpooling.

SUGGESTIONS TO LEADERS

Take the initiative in arranging for carpooling. Be sure the drivers know the route to be taken so no one gets lost. Arrange a rest stop by noon. Make an attempt to see that all members of the group see the birds observed. Obtain some copies of the "Denver Field Ornithologists-Membership Information" handout sheet to give to prospective new members joining your Field Trip. Call Alan Hay (Tel. 422-0239) to obtain copies.

PLEASE CALL THE COLORADO BIRD REPORT AT 423-5582 BEFORE GOING ON A FIELD TRIP TO DETERMINE IF THERE HAVE BEEN ANY LAST MINUTE CHANGES IN SCHEDULING.

- OCTOBER 1, Saturday. BOULDER AREA. Leader: Alex Cruz (1-776-8989). Carpool at the Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, southeast corner of West 38th Avenue and Wadsworth Blvd. at 7:15 A.M. and park on the street east of the Church. Meet Leader at 8:00 A.M. at BaseMar Shopping Center, southeast corner at Baseline Road and Broadway in Boulder. *
- 2, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SRA. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the west entrance gate. *
- 8, Saturday. CHATFIELD ARBORETUM & DEER CREEK. Leader: Bobbie Ausfahl (798-0552). Carpool at the Bear Valley Shopping Center at 7:30 A.M. at South Sheridan Blvd. and Hampden (U.S. Hwy. 285) in the southwest section near the Burlington Coat Factory. Meet Leader at 8:00 A.M. at the entrance to the Arboretum on Deer Creek Road, a short distance from the turnoff from Colo. Hwy. 75. *

- OCTOBER 9, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Walt Bull (751-1032). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History, east end of the north parking lot. *
- 15, Saturday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Prospect Park, West 44th Avenue near Robb Street. *
- 16, Sunday. CHATFIELD SRA. Leader: Irv Jackson (233-2171). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Park and Ride on South Wadsworth Blvd. just south of U.S. Hwy. 285 (Hampden Avenue). *
- 22&23, Saturday & Sunday. PUEBLO AREA. Leader: David Silverman (1-719-489-3565).
Saturday: Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the Rodeway Inn east of I-25 on U.S. Hwy. 50 East. Birding will be in the Pueblo area. *
Sunday: Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Roadrunner Gas Station at the junction of I-25 and Colo. Hwy. 165 (25 miles south of Pueblo). Birding will be in the Colorado City and Rye areas. *
Camping available. Motel suggested: Super 8 west of I-25 on U.S. Hwy. 50 west (Tel. 1-719-545-4104).
- 23, Sunday. SEDALIA, PLUM CREEK & CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK. Leader: Ben Moore (369-8041). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the parking lot south of Albertson's, northwest corner of South Broadway and County Line Road. *
- 29, Saturday. BEAR CREEK-PLAINS TO FOOTHILLS. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 8:00 at Bear Valley Shopping Center at South Sheridan Blvd. and Hampden (U.S. Hwy. 285) in the southwest section near the Burlington Coat Factory. *
- 30, Sunday. NORTHWEST DENVER LAKES. Leader: Diana Mullineaux (237-5794). Meet at 8:00 A.M. Mountain Standard Time at Sloan's Lake, Sheridan Blvd. and West 25th Avenue (Byron Place). *

*BRING LUNCH

Submitted by: Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

FIELD TRIP COORDINATORS

TUESDAY BIRDERS. You are welcome to join a group of birders on each Tuesday of the month. Call Ann Bonnell (979-6211) for details.

MEMORABILIA FOR THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' SCRAP BOOK

The DFO has established a scrap book for the purpose of preserving historical data and other pertinent information concerning its activities and members relative to its being in existence for over fifty years. If you have any items that you feel would enhance our scrap book with which you would be willing to donate, please contact Kathy Hawkins (757-0809) or mail your items to her at: 6860-D East Mississippi Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80224.

FLORIDA AUDUBON PROGRAM FOR INJURED RAPTORS

For a program to rehabilitate and care for injured and orphaned birds of prey, collect cancelled foreign and United States commemorative postage stamps, undamaged duck and state conservation stamps and old foreign picture postal cards. For information about this Florida Audubon Program, call Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947) who delivers these items personally.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS -- Membership Information

WELCOME to the D.F.O.,

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December), 7:30 p.m. at the Denver Museum of Natural History West Auditorium. Date and time reported on Rare Bird Alert 423-5582. These meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in different sections of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring your lunch and wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile per car divided by number of passengers including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, The Lark Bunting, is issued monthly listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on previous month's trips is given in check-list order as well as many of the interesting sightings reported by members.

D. F. O. RARE BIRD ALERT: (303)423-5582

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_____ Regular Family Membership--\$10 (if paid after Oct. 1, valid for next year)

_____ Senior Citizen Membership (Age 65 or Older) -- \$8

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Send to the treasurer: Alan Hay, 6361 Brooks Drive, Arvada, CO 80004,
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LARK BUNTING SUPPLEMENT

Identifiable Subspecies and Color Morphs Found in Colorado

(Prepared by Jack Reddall)

Listed below are a number of species found in Colorado from which subspecies (races) and color morphs (forms) can be recognized in the field by exercising reasonable caution and making careful observations! The purpose here is not to cause a mad rush towards identifying and reporting subspecies and color morphs, but merely to alert the careful and critical field observer that a number of these are somewhat obvious and can normally be safely identified in the field under ideal conditions. Subspecies and color morphs are simply subdivisions within the geographic range of a species which are determined to have morphological differences in measurements, shades of color, etc. Most characteristics are so subtle that only professionally trained ornithologists are capable of determining the correct identity of any given subspecies by having the bird in hand and comparing it with study skins in a museum collection. Thus, subspecies and color morphs in general, should not be of any major concern to the field ornithologist except in fairly obvious instances as listed below. A number of the recognizable subspecies and color morphs found in Colorado were once regarded as full and separate species but have since been merged into one species due to evidence of interbreeding. It must be pointed out that "intergrades" often occur which are neither fish nor fowl. A prime example of this is the Northern Flicker where there are a number of intergrades between the true "Yellow-shafted" and "Red-shafted" races particularly on the eastern high plains of the state where the two races overlap. A general discussion covering the field separation of recognizable subspecies and color morphs occurring in Colorado will be published from time-to-time in forthcoming issues of the Lark Bunting. So be on the lookout for them.

SNOW GOOSE (*Chen caerulescens*)

"White" morph

"Blue" morph

ROSS' GOOSE (*Chen rossii*)

"White" morph

"Blue" morph

BRANT (*Branta bernicla*)

"White-bellied" race (*B. b. bernicla*)

"Black-bellied" or "Black" race (*B. b. nigricans*)

CANADA GOOSE (*Branta canadensis*)

"Greater" race (*B. c. maxima*)

"Lesser" races (*B. c. moffetti*)

(*B. c. parvipes*)

(*B. c. interior*)

(*B. c. taverneri*)

"Hutchin's" race (*B. c. hutchinsii*)

"Cackling" race (*B. c. minima*)

BROAD-WINGED HAWK (*Buteo platypterus*)

"Light" morph

"Dark" morph

SWAINSON'S HAWK (*Buteo swainsoni*)

"Light" morph

"Dark" morph

RED-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo jamaicensis*)

- "Western" race (*B. j. calurus*) - "Light" morph
- "Dark" morph
- "Rufous" morph
- "Harlan's" race (*B. j. harlani*) - "Light" morph
- "Dark" morph
- "Krider's" race (*B. j. kriderii*)

FERRUGINOUS HAWK (*Buteo regalis*)

- "Light" morph
- "Dark" morph

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK (*Buteo lagopus*)

- "Light" morph
- "Dark" morph

MERLIN (*Falco columbarius*)

- "Taiga" race (*F. c. columbarius*)
- "Prairie" or "Richardson's" race (*F. c. richardsoni*)
- "Black" race (*F. c. suckleyi*)

DOWNY WOODPECKER (*Picoides pubescens*)

- "Eastern" races (*P. p. medianus*)
- (*P. p. nelsoni*)
- "Batchelder's" race (*P. p. leucurus*)

HAIRY WOODPECKER (*Picoides villosus*)

- "Eastern" races (*P. v. villosus*)
- (*P. v. septentrionalis*)
- "Rocky Mountain" race (*P. v. monticola*)

NORTHERN FLICKER (*Colaptes auratus*)

- "Yellow-shafted" race (*C. a. auratus*)
- "Red-shafted" race (*C. a. cafer*)

SOLITARY VIREO (*Vireo solitarius*)

- "Plumbeous" race (*V. s. plumbeus*)
- "Cassin's" race (*V. s. cassinii*)

BREWSTER'S WARBLER (*Vermivora "leucobronchialis"*)

LAWRENCE'S WARBLER (*Vermivora "lawrencii"*)

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER (*Dendroica coronata*)

- "Myrtle" race (*D. c. coronata*)
- "Audubon's" race (*D. c. auduboni*)

RUFIOUS-SIDED TOWHEE (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*)

- "Eastern" race (*P. e. erythrophthalmus*)
- "Spotted" races (*P. e. montanus*)
- (*P. e. arcticus*)

FOX SPARROW (*Passerella iliaca*)

- "Slate-colored" race (*P. i. schistacea*)
- "Yukon" race (*P. i. zaboria*)

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*)

- "Eastern" (previously "Rocky Mountain") race (*Z. l. leucophrys*)
- "Gambel's" race (*Z. l. gambelii*)

DARK-EYED JUNCO (*Junco hyemalis*)

- "Slate-colored" race (*J. h. hyemalis*)
- "Oregon" race (*J. h. oreganus*)
- "White-winged" race (*J. h. aikeni*)
- "Gray-headed" race (*J. h. caniceps*)
- "Pink-sided" race (*J. h. mearnsi*)

NORTHERN ORIOLE (*Icterus galbula*)
 "Baltimore" race (*I. g. galbula*)
 "Bullock's" race (*I. g. bullockii*)
 ROSY FINCH (*Leucosticte arctoa*)
 "Gray-crowned" race (*L. a. tephrocotis*)
 "Hepburn's" race (*L. a. tephrocotis*)
 "Black" race (*L. a. atrata*)
 "Brown-capped" race (*L. a. australis*)
 Lesser Goldfinch (*Carduelis psaltria*)
 "Black-backed" or "Arkansas" race (*C. p. psaltria*)
 "Green-backed" race (*C. p. hesperophilus*)

IDENTIFIABLE SUBSPECIES AND COLOR MORPHS - NUMBER 1.

SNOW GOOSE (*Chen caerulescens*)

"Blue" morph
 "White" morph

TAXONOMIC STATUS & DISTRIBUTION: The blue morph and white morph were formerly considered two distinct species - BLUE GOOSE (*Chen caerulescens*) and SNOW GOOSE (*Chen hyperborea*) with the specific name *caerulescens* having priority over *hyperborea*. There are two races of the white morph - "Greater" (Atlantic coast) and "Lesser" (interior and western North America). Blue morphs are practically unknown in the "Greater" race. Blue morphs of the "Lesser" race are concentrated in the center of the continent, breeding mostly in populations north and northeast of Hudson Bay and wintering primarily along the Gulf coast.

BASIC DIFFERENCES IN FIELD MARKS:

	BLUE MORPH	WHITE MORPH
<u>ADULT</u>	<u>Body:</u> Slate-grayish with white head and upper neck; varying amounts of whitish on belly; whitish tail coverts. <u>Wings:</u> Pearl gray with black primaries. <u>Bill:</u> Pinkish with black lips or "grinning patch". <u>Legs & Feet:</u> Pinkish.	<u>Body:</u> All white. <u>Wings:</u> White with black primaries. <u>Bill:</u> Pinkish with black lips or "grinning patch". <u>Legs & Feet:</u> Pinkish.
<u>IMMATURE</u>	<u>Body:</u> Dark brown head and neck with white chin; rest of body brownish-gray, lighter below; dark gray wing coverts. <u>Bill:</u> Dusky with "grin patch". <u>Legs & Feet:</u> Dusky.	<u>Body:</u> Sooty gray on crown, nape, back and wing coverts; mostly whitish below. <u>Bill:</u> Dusky with "grin patch". <u>Legs & Feet:</u> Dusky.

CAUTION: Adult blue morphs can vary somewhat from typical individuals. The immature blue morph greatly resembles the immature GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (*Anser albifrons*). Basic difference is in the color of the bill, legs and feet. Immature blue morphs of the Snow Goose have dusky bills, legs and feet while the immatures of the Greater White-fronted Goose have pink bills and orange legs and feet. Also, the bills of Greater White-fronted Geese lack the black lips or "grinning patch" characteristic of Snow Geese.

STATUS IN COLORADO: White morphs are common to abundant spring and fall migrants to the larger reservoirs on the eastern high plains (some migrating flocks numbering between 10,000 and 20,000 birds). They are also uncommon spring and fall migrants to larger bodies of water in the western valleys of the state. Depending upon the availability of open water, good numbers will winter on some of the larger reservoirs in southeastern Colorado. Blue morphs are normally found on the eastern high plains intermixed with large bands of migrating white morphs and as a general rule comprise less than one percent of most migrating flocks. Blue morphs are seldom encountered in western Colorado.

BEST SPOTS IN COLORADO AND OPTIMUM PERIODS TO OBSERVE:

A). During Spring (March-April) and Fall (October-early December) Migration

Jumbo Reservoir (Sedgwick County)
 Prewitt Reservoir (Washington County)
 Jackson Reservoir (Morgan County)
 Bonny Reservoir (Yuma County)
 Lake Meredith (Crowley County)
 Lake Henry (Crowley County)
 Nee-Noshe Reservoir (Kiowa County)
 Nee-So-Pah Reservoir (Kiowa County)
 Two Buttes Reservoir (Baca County - when it has water!)

B). During Winter (November through February)

Lake Meredith (Crowley County)
 Lake Henry (Crowley County)
 Nee-Noshe Reservoir (Kiowa County)
 Nee-So-Pah Reservoir (Kiowa County)

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SEPTEMBER 1988 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

SEPTEMBER 3, Saturday. White Ranch Park (WR). Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Ruth Breckon, Ellen Copeland, Rich Maslow, Betty & Harold Oliver, Chuck Romeo, Anne Southcott, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, 0-10 MPH; 55°-70°). 9 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 5 hours birding. (27 species, 118 individuals).

3-5, Saturday through Monday. Southeastern Colorado: Lake Meredith, Sugar City ponds, Cheraw, Hasty Campground, Nee-So-Pah Reservoir, Arkansas River at Holly, Cottonwood Canyon, Carrizo Picnic Ground, dry Cimarron River, Bear Creek at Kansas line, Two Buttes Reservoir, Lamar City Park, Lamar Community College Woods (SEC). Leader: Dan Bridges. Observers: Bobbie DeMuth, Norm Erthal, Lisa Hardy, Estes & Billie Howe, Randy Lentz, Cindy Lippincott, Duane Nelson & children Linnea, Carl & Peter, Bill Prather, Scott & Diane Seltman, Bob Spencer, Linda Vidal, Steve Weiss, Vic Zerbi. (Clear; Wind, 0-20 MPH; 45°-90°). 870 miles

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(continued) by car, 3 miles on foot. 30 hours birding. (127 species, 1758 individuals).

- 10&11, Saturday and Sunday. Annual Fall Count. (163 species, 17,456 individuals). See attached Supplement for complete details.
- 13, Tuesday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCK). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Overcast, light rain in P.M; Wind, calm in A.M. becoming NE 8-12 MPH in P.M; 48°-53°). 28 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 10 hours birding. (76 species, 1774 individuals).
- 17, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado: Denver to Briggsdale (Crow Valley Park), Weldona, Muir Springs Park, Bijou Reservoir, Jackson Reservoir, "Pelican Refuges", Orchard returning to Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (NECO). Observers: Wade Leitner, Jack Reddall. (Clear; Wind, variable 0-5 MPH; 50°-85°). 282 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 13.5 hours birding. (116 species, 7867 individuals).
- 17, Saturday. Hudson to Rigli Ranch and surrounding plains (RR). Leader: Joe Rigli. Observers: Mike & Rose Barber, Glenn & Jean Hageman, Alan & Dee Hay, Kathy Holt, Pearl Jordan, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, calm; 50°-80°). 90 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 9 hours birding. (45 species, 545 individuals).
- 18, Sunday. Roxborough Park (ROX). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Ellen Copeland, Marta Deutman, Mary Dexter, Lisa Hardy, Jean Maguire, Carol Prismon-Reed, Joe Tenbrink, Eleanor White, Fran White, Steve White, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Wind, NW 0-3 MPH; 65°-85°). 2 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (35 species, 485 individuals).
- 24, Saturday. Douglas County: Sedalia, Plum Creek & Castlewood Canyon State Park (DC). Leader: Ed Holub. Observers: Betty Harwood, Kathy Holt, David Holub, Eddie Holub, Hazel Kellogg, Don & Jo Shrode, Mort Staatz, Virgil Williams, Rhonda Woodward. (Clear; Wind, calm; 49°-80°). 81 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 8.5 hours birding. (39 species, 356 individuals).
- 25, Sunday. Bear Creek-Plains to Foothills (BC). Leaders: Tim Moore & Cal Wichern. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Jane Bonn, Lisa Hardy, Irv Jackson, Hugh Ravatt, Jack Reddall, Elizabeth Wichern, Gordon Wichern. (Clear; Wind, light; 60°-75°). 40 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 8 hours birding. (55 species, 310 individuals).

SEPTEMBER 1988 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES

A total of 216 species of birds were reported during September from 13 scheduled DFO field trips plus two individual field trips. Seven of the 13 scheduled DFO field trips were conducted in conjunction with the 1988 Fall Count. For complete details of the Fall Count, please refer to the Supplement in this issue of the Lark Bunting.

The Annual Fall Count notwithstanding, there were few surprises for the bird-watchers participating on September field trips. In fact, the fall migration might be summed up as "rather dull" for the month. The Labor Day Weekend Field Trip to southeastern Colorado refound some interesting birds previously reported from the area. One of these was an Olivaceous Cormorant at Nee-So-Pah Reservoir in Kiowa County. There are less than 10 valid records for this species from the state. Ten Mississippi Kites were located at their usual

spot by the Labor Day Weekenders in the Lamar City Park. Two immature Broad-winged Hawks were also reported by this group (exact location not specified). An extremely early Rough-legged Hawk was reported (without details) on the 24th on the Douglas County field trip. A single Peregrine Falcon was also sighted by this field trip on September 24. Three Blue Grouse were well seen on the White Ranch Park field trip on September 3rd.

The shorebird migration was particularly unimpressive this fall and the month of September did nothing to change the pattern. Normally expected species were found in relatively small numbers. Missing from this month's reports were such notables as Lesser Golden-Plover, Piping Plover, Willet, Long-billed Curlew, Red Knot, Dunlin and Short-billed Dowitcher. There were no reports of Jaegers for September which, while quite rare in the state, generally turn up here and there during this month.

A single Common Barn-Owl was observed flying over the small community of Walsh in extreme southeastern Colorado on the Labor Day Weekend trip. A Short-eared Owl was flushed from a thicket at the Crow Valley Campground near Briggsdale on September 17. The Carolina Wren present for some time at Holly was refound by observers participating on the Labor Day Weekend field trip. It was a fairly good month for spotting Blue-gray Gnatcatchers: one was seen at Two Buttes Reservoir in Baca County on Labor Day Weekend; one was observed at Muir Springs Park near Fort Morgan and another at Jackson Reservoir both on the 17th; and yet another at Roxborough Park on the 18th.

A Bell's Vireo was heard calling on September 17 at the Crow Valley Campground but not seen. One immature Philadelphia Vireo was seen at this same location also on the 17th. Wood Warblers were few and far between with no really exciting finds reported. A single, fall male Blackpoll Warbler was observed at Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA on the 13th after a passage of a cold front; and one female Black-and-white Warbler was found east of Springfield in Baca County over the Labor Day Weekend for the month's best finds. An immature male Scarlet Tanager foraging in the trees at the Crow Valley Campground on September 17 was one of the month's better birds. Let's hope that October produces more interesting species than was the case in September.

SEPTEMBER 1988	3	3-5	10-	13	17	17	18	24	25
AREA COVERED	WR	SEC	FALL	CCK	NECO	RR	ROX	DC	BC
LIFE ZONES VISITED	MT	PLN	CONT	PLN	PLNS	PL	FHL	PF	PF
Common Loon			1						
Pied-billed Grebe		2	61	6	3				2
Horned Grebe			5						
Eared Grebe			3	1	7				
Western Grebe		20	91	50	500				
Clark's Grebe		20	1						
American White Pelican		150	69		500				
Double-crested Cormorant		15	325	75	450		1		10
<u>Olivaceous Cormorant</u>		<u>1</u>							
American Bittern			2	1					
Great Blue Heron		30	72	8	20				
Great Egret		1							
Snowy Egret		4	1						
Cattle Egret		2							
Green-backed Heron			1						
Black-crowned Night-Heron		1	23	25	1im				
White-faced Ibis		3	11	4					
Canada Goose		1	2591	80	65			25	
Wood Duck			18	2ma	2ma				

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AREA COVERED	WR	SEC	FALL	CCK	NECO	RR	ROX	DC	BC
LIFE ZONES VISITED	MT	PLN	CONT	PLN	PLNS	PL	FHL	PF	PF
Green-winged Teal		25	89		4				
Mallard		250	1212	25	700		6	3	12
Northern Pintail		10	14	1fe	10			2	
Blue-winged Teal sp.		25	44	1	250				2
Northern Shoveler			49	4	200				
Gadwall		25	80	10	2				
American Wigeon			311	10	10				8
Canvasback			2						
Redhead		25	62						
Lesser Scaup					1ma				
Duck sp.			300						
Common Merganser			13		1fe				
Ruddy Duck			18		250				
Turkey Vulture		20	27					5	1
Osprey			1		2				
Mississippi Kite		10							
Northern Harrier		25	14	1im	1m4f	4	6		1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	1	5	2ad	3ad				1
Cooper's Hawk		1	8			1			
Accipiter sp.			1						
Broad-winged Hawk		2im							
Swainson's Hawk		8	28		9	6			1
Red-tailed Hawk		2				2	1		
"Western" races			20	2	3			12	2
Ferruginous Hawk		2	1	1ad	2				1
Rough-legged Hawk- <u>EARLY</u>								1	
Golden Eagle		1				1im			
American Kestrel	2	17	37	1	40	7	2	1	2
Merlin			1						
Peregrine Falcon								1	
Prairie Falcon		1	2			2	1		
Falco sp.			1						
Ring-necked Pheasant		12	2	1	2				
Blue Grouse	3								
Wild Turkey		2							
Northern Bobwhite		3							
Virginia Rail			8	3					
Sora			1						
American Coot		100	2314	85	150		4		
Black-bellied Plover			3						
Snowy Plover		4							
Semipalmated Plover					1				
Killdeer		15	204	7	80	8		1	1
Black-necked Stilt		10							
American Avocet		1	12		3				
Greater Yellowlegs		5	55						
Lesser Yellowlegs		20	62		40				
Solitary Sandpiper			1						
Spotted Sandpiper			5	1	1				
Marbled Godwit		5	1						
Sanderling		2			4				
Semipalmated Sandpiper		1	2						
Western Sandpiper		7	3		2				

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AREA COVERED	WR	SEC	FALL	CCK	NECO	RR	ROX	DC	BC
LIFE ZONES VISITED	MT	PLN	CONT	PLN	PLNS	PL	FHL	PF	PF
Least Sandpiper		3	16	1	50				
Baird's Sandpiper		20	105		150				
Pectoral Sandpiper			2		20				
Stilt Sandpiper		2	8		40				
Long-billed Dowitcher		5	5		10				
Common Snipe			12	1	3				
Wilson's Phalarope			7						
Red-necked Phalarope					10				
<u>Red Phalarope</u>			1						
Franklin's Gull		50	217		250				5
Bonaparte's Gull		1							
Ring-billed Gull		75	273	50	500			5	6
California Gull		2	544	150	400				
Herring Gull			1						
Sabine's Gull			1im	2im					
Gull sp.			250						
Common Tern			1	3	1				
Forster's Tern		4			2				
Rock Dove		60	103	5	5	5	?	25	6
Mourning Dove		150	624	20	60	60	190	4	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo		1							
Greater Roadrunner		2							
Common Barn-Owl		1							
Eastern Screech-Owl					1-H				
Western Screech-Owl		5							
Great Horned Owl		3	9		2	2			
Burrowing Owl		10							
Long-eared Owl			1						
Short-eared Owl					1				
Common Nighthawk		3			2				
Common Poorwill		1							
Chimney Swift		1	2						
White-throated Swift			7				27		
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1	1im	1					1	
Belted Kingfisher		2	20	2	2				2
Lewis' Woodpecker		60	8					6	
Red-headed Woodpecker		8	1		1im				
Red-naped Sapsucker	2				1ma				1m
Williamson's Sapsucker	3		1						
Ladder-backed Woodpecker		2							
Downy Woodpecker		3	11	2	2	2			1
"Batchelder's" race			3						
"Eastern" races			3						
Hairy Woodpecker	2	3				1			
"Rocky Mountain" race			2						
"eastern" races			2						
Northern Flicker					7				
"Red-shafted" race		5	96	8		6	1	13	15
Olive-sided Flycatcher		4	1		2				
Western Wood-Pewee	1	5	19	6	2	4			1
Willow Flycatcher			1	1					
Least Flycatcher		1	1		1	1			
Hammond's Flycatcher					2				

SEPTEMBER 1988 AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	3 WR MT	3-5 SEC PLN	10- 11 FALL CONT	13 CCK PLN	17 NECO PLNS	17 RR PL	18 ROX FHL	24 DC PF	25 BC PF
Dusky Flycatcher			1			1			
Western Flycatcher			3	4	3	1			
Empidonax sp.			4		8	6			
Eastern Phoebe		3							
Say's Phoebe		2	3		9	4			
Cassin's Kingbird		4	1						
Western Kingbird		15	20		5	1			1
Eastern Kingbird		10			1				
Horned Lark		50	205		180	45	2		
Tree Swallow			1						
Violet-green Swallow			166	2					
Bank Swallow			10						
Cliff Swallow			2	1					
Barn Swallow		25	1331	500	100	75			3
Swallow sp.			230						
Steller's Jay	5		5				7	11	6
Blue Jay			25	2	18		10	13	2
Scrub Jay		4	12				18	9	
Black-billed Magpie		12	261	70	20	5	5	16	10
American Crow		6	3				4		2
Common Raven		4	3				1	2	
Black-capped Chickadee	3	2	159	7	15		3	23	6
Mountain Chickadee	2		14						12
White-breasted Nuthatch	2		9						1
Pygmy Nuthatch	3								2
Rock Wren		2	6		2	2			
Canyon Wren		4	1						
Carolina Wren		1							
Bewick's Wren		3							
House Wren		4	38	7	6	2			
Marsh Wren					1				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1	6		8	2			1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		1	3		2		1		
Western Bluebird	10		12						
Mountain Bluebird	15						2	18	2
Townsend's Solitaire	1		1		3	2		1	2
Swainson's Thrush					4	1			
Hermit Thrush	1			1	4				
American Robin	35	30	271	10	35	27	4	43	10
Gray Catbird		2	6						
Sage Thrasher			2		6	6			
Brown Thrasher		4	1		2	1			
Water Pipit			2			2			
Cedar Waxwing			2					4	
Loggerhead Shrike		4	1		1				
European Starling		25	926	130	370	78	20	45	35
Bell's Vireo					1-H				
Solitary Vireo	3								
"Plumbeous" race			9	1	1				1
"Cassin's" race				2	2				
Warbling Vireo		1	7		1im	1			
Philadelphia Vireo									
Red-eyed Vireo		1	1						
Tennessee Warbler				1ma	1ma	3			
Orange-crowned Warbler		1	13	4	8				

SEPTEMBER 1988 AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	3 WR MT	3-5 SEC PLN	10- 11 FALL CONT	13 CCK PLN	17 NECO PLNS	17 RR PL	18 ROX FHL	24 DC PF	25 BC PF
Nashville Warbler			1						
Virginia's Warbler			2	1ma					
Yellow Warbler		1	9	1					
Yellow-rumped Warbler	4							3	
"Myrtle" race					1				
"Audubon's" race			40	5	6	5			6
Townsend's Warbler	3		6	2	4				
Blackpoll Warbler				1ma					
Black-and-white Warbler		1fe	1						
American Redstart		1fe	3						
Ovenbird			1						
MacGillivray's Warbler			5	1ma	1ma				
Common Yellowthroat		1	23	25	5				1
Wilson's Warbler	2	5	116	25	45	30	3	1	
Yellow-breasted Chat			3						
Scarlet Tanager				1ma					
Western Tanager		3fe	16	1m1f			1	1f	1
Black-headed Grosbeak			1						1
Blue Grosbeak		7im	6						
Lazuli Bunting			42						
Dickcissel		2							
Green-tailed Towhee			15	1	2	1			
Rufous-sided Towhee					1		6		
"Spotted" races			24					4	
Brown Towhee		7							
Chipping Sparrow	4	10	246	15	10		14	2	1
Clay-colored Sparrow		2	3	1	3	6			
Brewer's Sparrow		5	5	2	50	6			
Vesper Sparrow		3	162	2	1100	20	2		1
Lark Sparrow	2	6	58		10		1		
Lark Bunting		30	6						
Savannah Sparrow		1	32	2	1				
Song Sparrow			18	7	1			1	1
Lincoln's Sparrow		1	6		7				
White-crowned Sparrow	1		2				3		4
"Gambel's" race				1	3	10			
Dark-eyed Junco									
"Oregon" race					4	6			
"Gray-headed" race								4	4
McCown's Longspur					3				
Chestnut-collared Longspur					100				
Red-winged Blackbird		5	447	15	80	13			30
Western Meadowlark		25	64	2	175	22	2	2	3
Yellow-headed Blackbird		2	380				1		
Brewer's Blackbird			148	10					
Common Grackle		5	290	40	30			20	50
Brown-headed Cowbird							115		
Northern Oriole									
"Bullock's" race		3	1						
Cassin's Finch									2
House Finch			453	100	10			9	15
Pine Siskin	6		12				16		4
Lesser Goldfinch			54						

SEPTEMBER 1988	3	3-5	10-11	13	17	17	18	24	25
AREA COVERED	WR	SEC	FALL	CCK	NECO	RR	ROX	DC	BC
LIFE ZONES VISITED	MT	PLN	CONT	PLN	PLNS	PL	FHL	PF	PF
American Goldfinch	1	1	174	15	4		4	7	2
Evening Grosbeak			2					7	
House Sparrow		30	156	100	40	50			6
TOTAL SPECIES - 216	27	127	163	76	116	45	35	39	55

ABBREVIATIONS & NOTES: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i;
Immature Male=ima; Immature Female=ife; Heard Only=H;
Plains=PLNS, PLN, P; Foothills=FHL, F; Mountains=MT.

ADDITIONAL SEPTEMBER 1988 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

American Bittern 9-20 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR);
9-24 (3) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (RL).
Great Egret 9-7 (1) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JR).
White-faced Ibis 9-4 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County (AS).
Osprey 9-7 (1) Latham Reservoir (JR); 9-29 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
Bald Eagle 9-4 (2 adults) Barr Lake S.P. (AS); 9-18 (1 adult) Barr Lake S.P. (WL).
Blue Grouse 9-4 (4) & 9-24 (3) near Critchell, Jefferson Co. (AH); 9-25 (5) Steamboat Springs, Routt Co. (BG).
Sandhill Crane 9-25 (23 in three separate flocks) Steamboat Springs, Routt Co. (BG).
Sabine's Gull 9-20 (1 juvenal) & 9-24 (2 juvenals) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR); 9-22 & 9-24 (1 juvenal) Sloan's Lake, Denver (PE).
Common Tern 9-20 & 9-24 (3) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
Band-tailed Pigeon 9-28 (1) Burland Ranchettes, Park Co. (AH).
Eastern Screech-Owl 9-6 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (JR); 9-18 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WL, JR); 9-22 (2) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (HK).
Long-eared Owl 9-20 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 9-20 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
Gray Catbird 9-3 through 9-6 (1) 2695 Newland St., Denver (PE).
Bendire's Thrasher 9-25 & 9-26 (1) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (JC, JH).
Written details submitted (JH).
Magnolia Warbler 9-17 (1 immature male) Colorado University campus, Boulder (BA, PG); 9-20 (1 immature male) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).
Black-throated Blue Warbler 9-17 (1 female) along the South Platte River, downstream from Sedgwick, Sedgwick Co. (DB).
American Redstart 9-6 (1 female) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (JR).
Green-tailed Towhee 9-25 (1) Steamboat Springs (BG).
McCown's Longspur 9-30 (40) Fremont Butte, 7 miles NW of Akron, Washington Co. (DB).
Evening Grosbeak 9-6 through 9-30 (10) 2695 Newland St., Denver (PE).

CONTRIBUTORS: Bob Andrews (BA), Dan Bridges (DB), Jerry Cairo (JC), Patty Echelmeyer (PE), Peter Gent (PG), Bill Gillespie (BG), Alan Hay (AH), Joe Himmel (JH), Hugh Kingery (HK), Wade Leitner (WL), Randy Lentz (RL), Jack Reddall (JR), Aaron Sell (AS).

REPORTS FROM "TUESDAY BIRDERS"

SEPTEMBER 6. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 29.

Pied-billed Grebe-4, Black-cr. Night-Heron-2, Canada Goose-286, Mallard-165, Red-tailed Hawk-1, American Coot-6, Killdeer-1, Solitary Sandpiper-3, Spotted Sandpiper-2, Common Snipe-1, Ring-billed Gull-8, Rock Dove-6, Mourning Dove-6, Eastern Screech Owl-1, Downy Woodpecker-1, Northern Flicker "Red-shafted"-16, Cliff Swallow-14, Barn Swallow-16, Blue Jay-4, Black-billed Magpie-18, Black-capped Chickadee-4, American Robin-1, Sage Thrasher-1, European Starling-6, Orange-crowned Warbler-1, Nashville Warbler-1, Townsend's Warbler-4, American Redstart-2, Wilson's Warbler-2, Summer Tanager-1, Song Sparrow-4, Red-winged Blackbird-29, Common Grackle-27, Brown-headed Cowbird-2, House Finch-26. (35 species, 672 individuals).

SEPTEMBER 13. CENTRAL CITY-1 1/2 MILES UP JEEP ROAD NEAR COLUMBINE CAMPGROUND. Co-Leaders: Ann Bonnell/Esther Campbell. Observers: 19.

Cooper's Hawk-1, Red-tailed Hawk-3, American Kestrel-1, Rock Dove-15, Northern Flicker "Red-shafted"-5, Steller's Jay-7, Clark's Nutcracker-19, American Crow-1, Common Raven-2, Mountain Chickadee-12, Ruby-crowned Kinglet-1, Mountain Bluebird-2, Thrush (sp.?) -1, American Robin-1, Loggerhead Shrike-1, Yellow Warbler-3, Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's"-52, Wilson's Warbler-3, Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed"-9, Pine Siskin-8, Evening Grosbeak-15. (21 species, 162 individuals).

SEPTEMBER 20. SOUTH PLATTE PARK. Co-Leaders: Ann Bonnell/Sylvia Brockner. Observers: 26.

Pied-billed Grebe-1, Double-crest. Cormorant-28, Great Blue Heron-4, Canada Goose-14, Mallard-24, Common Merganser-1, Osprey-1, Red-tailed Hawk-1, American Kestrel-1, Prairie Falcon-1, Killdeer-3, American Avocet-1, Common Snipe-9, Ring-billed Gull-67, Rock Dove-3, Mourning Dove-10, Belted Kingfisher-1, Northern Flicker "Red-shafted"-15, Barn Swallow-100, Blue Jay-9, Black-billed Magpie-16, Black-capped Chickadee-2, American Robin-6, European Starling-41, Orange-crowned Warbler-1, Wilson's Warbler-1, Red-winged Blackbird-26, Western Meadowlark-2, Brewer's Blackbird-4, House Finch-41, Evening Grosbeak-25. (31 species, 458 individuals).

Reports from "TUESDAY BIRDER" cont.

SEPTEMBER 27, CHATFIELD ARBORETUM. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 31.

Pied-billed Grebe-1, Black-cr. Night Heron-1, Canada Goose-35, Green-winged Teal-8, Mallard-11, Blue-winged Teal-8, Northern Harrier-2, Swainson's Hawk-1, Red-tailed Hawk-1, American Kestrel-2, Sora-2, Killdeer-1, Common Snipe-1, Franklin's Gull-20, Mourning Dove-1, Common Barn Owl-1, Great Horned Owl-4, Red-naped Sapsucker-6, Downy Woodpecker-2, Northern Flicker "Red-shafted"-9, Blue Jay-3, Black-billed Magpie-7, Common Raven-1, Black-capped Chickadee-15, Mountain Chickadee-1, American Robin-1, Vireo (poss. Warbling ?)-1, Virginia's Warbler-1, Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's"-29, MacGillivray's-1, Rufus-sided Towhee-1, Chipping Sparrow-6, White-crowned Sparrow-7, Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed"-1, Red-winged Blackbird-9, Western Meadowlark-2, Yellow-headed Blackbird-2, Common Grackle-2, House Finch-5. (39 species, 212 individuals).

Monna Krebs (compiler)

"OOPS"! Thanks to Lisa Hardy who discovered that a block of species was apparently omitted from last month's "Field Trip Summaries" (August) your Lark Bunting Editor ruefully makes up for this unfortunate oversight (he is glad that someone is reading the Lark Bunting closely!). Therefore, listed below is the missing information. Please refer to last month's newsletter, page 168, where the omitted species should have been listed after the Yellow-billed Cuckoo up to Northern Flicker. The appropriate AREAS COVERED are listed on pages 164 & 165. The Editor regrets the oversight.

AUGUST 1988	6	7	13	14	19	20	21	27	28
AREA COVERED	BGG	BC	RM	BARR	CEN	BL	PNGL	CCK	NECO
LIFE ZONES VISITED	MTN	PF	MT	PLNS	P/F	FH	PLNS	PLN	PLNS
Great Horned Owl		1		1			1		1
Burrowing Owl					1		4		
Common Nighthawk					1		12		2
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	18		6		7	7			
Rufous Hummingbird	2								
Belted Kingfisher		6	1		2	2	1	1	3
Red-headed Woodpecker									5
Red-naped Sapsucker	2		21			1			
Williamson's Sapsucker	5		2						
Downy Woodpecker		2					1-H		
"Batchelder's" race			1						
"Eastern" races								2	3
Hairy Woodpecker									
"Rocky Mountain" race					1				

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 1988

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111. PLEASE NOTE: Submitting Field Trip summaries in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List order saves the Editor considerable time and trouble since his worksheets are laid out in this manner. There are several Field Check-Lists currently in circulation that are badly out-of-date and/or unsuitable for use by the Editor. Field Trip Leaders are urged to use the Check-List that appeared in the July 1988 issue of the Lark Bunting (Vol. 23, No. 10) or follow its format to compile and submit results of their Field Trips.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS (continued):

2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered by car and on foot and duration of the trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "Color Morphs" (e.g., Snow Goose- "White" morph vs. "Blue" morph) and/or subspecies (e.g., Northern Oriole- "Baltimore" race vs. "Bullock's" race) with your summary.
4. On Field Trips where more than one Life Zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and number for each species found in each Life Zone (e.g., Plains, Foothills, Mountains, Alpine).
5. Individual Field Trips are acceptable and will be published along with the results of regularly scheduled DFO Field Trips depending upon space and interest.
6. Deadline for receipt of all Field Trip Reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the monthly summaries.
7. Please notify the Editor (Jack Reddall - Tel. 771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

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- NOVEMBER 5, Saturday. CHATFIELD SRA. Leader: Anne Southcott (979-1455) Meet at 7:45 A.M. at the "Park and Ride" on South Wadsworth Blvd. just south of Hwy. 285 (Hampden Avenue) or at 8:00 A.M. at the west gate to Chatfield SRA. *
- 6, Sunday. NEAR PLAINS AND UNION RESERVOIR. Leader: Dick Pratt (759-5568). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History, north parking lot. *
- 12, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Norm Erthal (424-6747). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Nature Center at Barr Lake State Park. *
- 13, Sunday. NORTHEASTERN COLORADO RAPTOR TRIP. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History, east end of the north parking lot. *
- 16, Wednesday. SPECIAL TRIP FOR "RETIREEES, ABSENTEES & DEVOTEES" to CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SRA for loons, waterfowl and gulls. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the west entrance gate at Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA. *
- 19, Saturday. SOUTH PLATTE RIVER PARK & McLELLAN RESERVOIR. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Safeway parking lot, northwest corner of South Logan and Hampden Avenue (U.S. Hwy. 285). *
- 20, Sunday. ROXBOROUGH STATE PARK. Leader: Mort Staatz (279-6169). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the "Park and Ride" on South Wadsworth Blvd. just south of U.S. Hwy. 285 (Hampden Avenue). *
- 25, Friday. TURKEY HUNT AFTER TURKEY DAY. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Call leader if interested.
- 26, Saturday. EXPLORING SOME OF THE GRAVEL PITS & GREENWAYS ALONG CLEAR CREEK & THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER. Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Sloan's Lake, West 25th Avenue and Sheridan Blvd. *

NOVEMBER 27, Sunday. SEDALIA, PLUM CREEK & CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK.
Leader: Ben Moore (989-0629). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Albertsons parking lot, South Broadway and County Line Road. *

* BRING LUNCH

Submitted by: Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
 Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

FIELD TRIP COORDINATORS

TUESDAY BIRDERS. You are welcome to join a group of birders on each Tuesday of the month. Call Ann Bonnell (979-6211) for details.

FRANK A. JUSTICE. We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Frank Justice who died on October 9 at his home. Frank was a long-time and very active member of the Denver Field Ornithologists. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Jan, and to the other members of his family. Contributions can be made to the Foundation for Colorado State Parks, 1666 South University Blvd., Denver 80210.

Three new species were added this year bringing the 18-year Fall Count total to 522 species: AMERICAN BITTERN, one reported on the Bear Lake Periphery Count and one well seen on the Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA Count; HERRING GULL, one sub-adult at Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA; CHIMNEY SWIFT, two at Chatfield SRA. Other notable finds (less than five years) include, with the number of years recorded in parentheses: one Green-backed Heron on the Waterton Count (4th); eleven White-faced Ibis, one at Bear Lake S.P. and ten on the Bear Lake Periphery Count (3rd); thirteen Common Nighthawks, three on the Waterton Count and ten at Chatfield SRA (first year); one Red-shouldered Hawk, one at Chatfield SRA (2nd); one probably a Juvenile Red-tailed Hawk at the Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (2nd); one Juvenile Sabine's Gull at the Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (2nd); one Juvenile Common Tern at Chatfield SRA (4th); one Red-shouldered Owl at Bear Lake S.P. (3rd); one least flycatcher at Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (2nd); twelve Western Bluebirds at Castlewood Canyon S.P. (3rd); one Herring Gull at Bear Lake S.P. (4th). Some newly found species that were missed on this year's Count include: Golden Eagle, Semi-palmated Plover, Black Tern, Burrowing Owl (?), Red-breasted Nuthatch, Pinyon Junco and Mountain Bluebird. An uncheckered Count was held at Boxelder State Park on September 10 with 10 species seen during a half-day trip. However, this Count was not included in this year's totals. Hopefully, Red-borough S.P. will be included in a regularly scheduled Count area next year. The 18-year summary by Count area is listed as follows:

NUMBER OF SPECIES BY COUNT AREA													
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LARK BUNTING SUPPLEMENT

1988 ANNUAL FALL COUNT

(Carol Hack, compiler)

Seven Count areas were covered on this, our 18th Annual Fall Count, up one from last year with the Castlewood Canyon State Park area being added again this year. A total of 163 species were reported on this year's Count, an all-time high! The previous all-time high number of species was 157 recorded nine years ago in 1979. The total number of individual birds counted this year was 17,456 far below the all-time high of 30,586 recorded in 1972. The Chatfield SRA Count area, led by Joey Kellner and Brenda Cockrell, came in with the highest number of species found this year with 83 reported, closely followed by the Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, led by Jack Reddall, with 82 species, a new all-time high for this Count area!. The Barr Lake State Park Count found only 67 species, second lowest in the history of the Count (in 1982, strangely only 20 species were reported). The Bear Creek Count area, led by Mary Jane Schock, found the greatest number of individual birds for the second year in a row-5747.

Three new species were added this year bringing the 18-year Fall Count total to 252 species: AMERICAN BITTERN, one reported on the Barr Lake Periphery Count and one well seen on the Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA Count; HERRING GULL, one sub-adult at Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA; CHIMNEY SWIFT, two at Chatfield SRA. Other notable finds (less than five years) include, with the number of years recorded in parentheses: one Green-backed Heron on the Waterton Count (4th); eleven White-faced Ibis, one at Barr Lake S.P. and ten on the Barr Lake Periphery Count (3rd); thirteen Common Mergansers, three on the Waterton Count and ten at Chatfield SRA (4th); one Merlin on the Barr Lake Periphery Count (2nd); one, probably a juvenile, Red Phalarope at the Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (2nd); one juvenile Sabine's Gull at the Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (2nd); one juvenile Common Tern at Chatfield SRA (4th); one Long-eared Owl at Barr Lake S.P. (3rd); one Least Flycatcher at Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (2nd); twelve Western Bluebirds at Castlewood Canyon S.P. (3rd); one Ovenbird banded at Barr Lake S.P. (4th). Some usually found species that were missed on this year's Count include: Golden Eagle, Semipalmated Plover, Black Tern, Burrowing Owl (?), Red-breasted Nuthatch, Pygmy Nuthatch and Mountain Bluebird. An unscheduled Count was held at Roxborough State Park on September 10 with 19 species seen during a half-day trip. However, this Count was not included in this year's totals. Hopefully, Roxborough S.P. will be included as a regularly scheduled Count area next year. The 18-year summary by Count area is listed as follows:

YEAR	TOT SPC	TOTAL INDIV	NUMBER OF SPECIES BY COUNT AREA														
			B/P PLN	BAR PLN	HCK PLN	MHL PLN	BAN PLN	PSP PLN	BPY PLN	BCK PLN	CSR PLN	CCK PLN	CWC FHL	EVG MTN	RRP FHL	WTR PLN	W/R P/F
1971	133	19310	79	86	85	81											
1972	150	30586	91	113	117	90											
1973	123	12903		71	68	79	49	72									
1974	134	11666		103	84	64	44	73									
1975	127	19988		89	87	64	52	19									
1976	121	14538		104			59	68									
1977	117	13524		84	78		40	75									
1978	104	7205		83			35	61									
1979	157	14031		100					81	71	82	35	45	54	25		
1980	154	14445		95					69	46	96	43	41	37	26		
1981	149	12311		82					62	56	90	37	45	70	38		
1982	140	7390		20					75	59	47	40	43	59	15	27	
1983	150	10339		77					61	40	73	40	42	71	30	48	

YEAR	TOT SPC	TOTAL INDIV	NUMBER OF SPECIES BY COUNT AREA														W/R P/F
			B/P PLN	BAR PLN	HCK PLN	MHL PLN	BAN PLN	PSP PLN	BPY PLN	BCK PLN	CSR PLN	CCK PLN	CWC FHL	EVG MTN	RRP FHL	WTR PLN	
1984	150	14891		78					46	61	67	35	57		21	63	
1985	143	14421		71					52	75	76	45	40		24	59	
1986	152	16120		86					64	72	77	59					61
1987	149	14535		85					68	65	84	75				73	
1988	163	17456		67					65	69	83	82	47			68	

LEGEND: B/P = Banner Lakes & Prospect Reservoir
 BAR = Barr Lake State Park
 HCK = Horse Creek Reservoir
 MHL = Mile High Lakes
 BAN = Banner Lakes
 PSP = Prospect Reservoir
 BPY = Barr Lake Periphery
 BCK = Bear Creek
 CSR = Chatfield State Recreation Area
 CCK = Cherry Creek Reservoir State Recreation Area
 CWC = Castlewood Canyon State Park
 EVG = Evergreen
 RRP = Red Rocks Park
 WTR = Waterton
 W/R = Waterton/Roxborough State Park

HIGHEST COUNT TOTALS = Underlined

SEPTEMBER 10: Lower Bear Creek & Marston Reservoir (BCPK). Leader: Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Bobby Ausfahl, Virginia Bleck, Bill Brockner, Patty Echelmeyer, Mel Gabel, Lisa Hardy, Alan Hay, Bruce Helmboldt, Wendy Helmboldt, Bob Spencer. (Cloudy; Wind, 0-15 MPH; 55°-83°). 75 miles by car in four parties, 10 miles on foot in four parties. 8 hours birding. (69 species, 5747 individuals).

Waterton (WTRN). Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Sally Asher, Kathy Holt, Urling Kingery, Betty & Harold Oliver, Arlene & Jerry Raskin, Peter Root, Anne Southcott, Joan Walter, Jack Whitney. (Wind, 15-25 MPH in A.M. becoming calm by mid-morning). 10 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 8.5 hours birding. (68 species, 1366 individuals).

Chatfield SRA (CHAT). Leaders: Brenda Cockrell & Joey Kellner. Observers: Ed Holub, Jack Reddall, Virgil Williams. (Mostly cloudy to partly cloudy with late P.M. shower; Wind, SW 0-35 MPH; 60°-89°). 12 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. 10.25 hours birding. (83 species, 1706 individuals).

SEPTEMBER 11: Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Warren Finch, Hugh Kingery. (Partly cloudy with P.M. thundershower; Wind, 0-35 MPH; 55°-80°). 5 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. 9.5 hours birding. (67 species, 4214 individuals).

Barr Lake Periphery (BPHY). Leader: Walt Bull. Observers: Jean Maguire, Joe TenBrink. (Partly cloudy with some rain; Wind, 0-15 MPH; 53°-80°). 68 miles by car, 4.5 miles on foot. 7.5 hours birding. (65 species, 2589 individuals).

SEPTEMBER 11:

(continued)

Castlewood Canyon State Park (CWC). Leader: Randy Lentz. Observer: Linda Metcalf. (Mostly sunny; Wind, W 0-10 MPH; 45°-80°). 12 miles by car, 7 miles on foot. 8 hours birding. (47 species, 323 individuals).

Cherry Creek Reservoir State Recreation Area (CCRA). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Brenda Cockrell, Richard Hale, Joey Kellner. (Partly cloudy with P.M. thunder-showers; Wind, SW 10-20 MPH; 60°-85°). 23 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. 10.5 hours birding. (82 species, 1511 individuals).

SEPTEMBER 1988 AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	10 BCPK PLNS	10 WTRN PLNS	10 CHAT PLNS	11 BARR PLNS	11 BPHY PLNS	11 CWC FHL	11 CCRA PLNS	FALL COUNT TOTAL
Common Loon	1							1
Pied-billed Grebe	41	2	5	1	6		6	61
Horned Grebe	3						2	5
Eared Grebe		1					2	3
Western Grebe	1	1	3	18	18		50	91
Clark's Grebe							1	1
American White Pelican	2			57	10			69
Double-crested Cormorant	114	1	93	10	7		100	325
American Bittern					1		1	2
Great Blue Heron	33	2	10	9	5	1	12	72
Snowy Egret					1			1
Green-backed Heron		1						1
Black-crowned Night-Heron	2				1		20	23
White-faced Ibis				1	10			11
Canada Goose	309		220	2000	61		1	2591
Wood Duck		16	2					18
Green-winged Teal	37		20	14	8		10	89
Mallard	301	63	15	60	723		50	1212
Northern Pintail					14			14
Blue-winged Teal sp.	5	20	8		1		10	44
Northern Shoveler	14		1m1f		33			49
Gadwall	31		1m1f		44		3	80
American Wigeon	212	70			21		8	311
Canvasback	2							2
Redhead	62							62
Common Merganser		3	10					13
Ruddy Duck		1			17			18
Duck sp.				300				300
Turkey Vulture	2					25		27
Osprey					1			1
Northern Harrier	5	2	4		1		2im	14
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	2		1		1im		5
Cooper's Hawk		5				2	1ad	8
Accipiter sp.		1						1
Swainson's Hawk	5			4	16	1	2	28
Red-tailed Hawk								
"Western" races	1	7	2	1	2	3	4	20
Ferruginous Hawk					1			1
American Kestrel	10	8	5	2	8	4		37
Merlin					1			1
Prairie Falcon						2		2
Falco sp.		1						1

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Ring-necked Pheasant							2	2
Virginia Rail					2		6	8
Sora							1-H	1
American Coot	2132	1	30	32	34		85	2314
Black-bellied Plover				3				3
Killdeer	35		12	56	83	3	15	204
American Avocet					12			12
Greater Yellowlegs					55			55
Lesser Yellowlegs	3			45	14			62
Solitary Sandpiper							1	1
Spotted Sandpiper	1		2	1			1	5
Marbled Godwit				1				1
Semipalmated Sandpiper				2				2
Western Sandpiper			1	?	1		1	3
Least Sandpiper	6		8				2	16
Baird's Sandpiper	2		23	75	5			105
Pectoral Sandpiper				2				2
Stilt Sandpiper				8				8
Long-billed Dowitcher					5			5
Common Snipe			4		7		1	12
Wilson's Phalarope					7			7
Red Phalarope							1	1
Franklin's Gull	152			55	3		7	217
Ring-billed Gull	122	3	12	16	45		75	273
California Gull	113		31	275			125	544
Herring Gull							1	1
Sabine's Gull							1im	1
Gull sp.				250				250
Common Tern			1im					1
Rock Dove	19	66	3	4	6	2	3	103
Mourning Dove	45	342	86	85	23	3	40	624
Great Horned Owl			2	3	1		3	9
Long-eared Owl				1				1
Chimney Swift			2					2
White-throated Swift		7						7
Broad-tailed Hummingbird						1		1
Belted Kingfisher	9	2	5		1	1	2	20
Lewis' Woodpecker						8		8
Red-headed Woodpecker						1im		1
Williamson's Sapsucker		1						1
Downy Woodpecker		3		7			1	11
"Batchelder's" race	3							3
"Eastern" races			3					3
Hairy Woodpecker								
"Rocky Mountain" race			1			1		2
"Eastern" races						2		2
Northern Flicker								
"Red-shafted" race	48	9	16	8		8	7	96
Olive-sided Flycatcher		1						1
Western Wood-Pewee	1	2	8	7			1	19
Willow Flycatcher							1	1
Least Flycatcher							1	1
Dusky Flycatcher				1-B				1
Western Flycatcher							3	3

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Empidonax sp.	1			3			1	4
Say's Phoebe		2						3
Cassin's Kingbird			1					1
Western Kingbird	3	3	14					20
Horned Lark				1	203		1	205
Tree Swallow	1							1
Violet-green Swallow		11	155					166
Bank Swallow			10					10
Cliff Swallow					2			2
Barn Swallow	413	61	156	500	75	1	125	1331
Swallow sp.		230						230
Steller's Jay						5		5
Blue Jay	18		1				6	25
Scrub Jay		4				8		12
Black-billed Magpie	93	38	32	28	39	1	30	261
American Crow	1		1			1		3
Common Raven		1				2		3
Black-capped Chickadee	27	16	66	30	2	10	8	159
Mountain Chickadee						14		14
White-breasted Nuthatch			2			7		9
Rock Wren		2	1	1		1	1	6
Canyon Wren						1		1
House Wren	1	3	10	7		2	15	38
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1		4		1		6
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		2					1	3
Western Bluebird						12		12
Townsend's Solitaire						1		1
American Robin	53	24	26	1	2	55	110	271
Gray Catbird		1	4				1	6
Sage Thrasher		1	1					2
Brown Thrasher					1			1
Water Pipit			2					2
Cedar Waxwing			2					2
Loggerhead Shrike							1	1
European Starling	385	2	9	100	270	10	150	926
Solitary Vireo								
"Plumbeous" race	1	2	2	1		2	1	9
Warbling Vireo	1		4	1			1	7
Red-eyed Vireo							1	1
Orange-crowned Warbler		3	1	5	1		3	13
Nashville Warbler				1				1
Virginia's Warbler		1		1-B				2
Yellow Warbler		1	3	4			1	9
Yellow-rumped Warbler								
"Audubon's" race	4		5	15		15	1	40
Townsend's Warbler				4			2	6
Black-and-white Warbler				1-B				1
American Redstart	1			2				3
Ovenbird				1-B				1
MacGillivray's Warbler		1	1	3				5
Common Yellowthroat	4		1	3			15	23
Wilson's Warbler	8	22	29	18	3	1	35	116
Yellow-breasted Chat		2	1					3
Western Tanager		6	8				2	16

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Black-headed Grosbeak		1						1
Blue Grosbeak		2	1im				3	6
Lazuli Bunting		7	33				2	42
Green-tailed Towhee	1	4	4	3		3		15
Rufous-sided Towhee								
"Spotted" races	1	17	4			2		24
Chipping Sparrow	20	97	27	25	30	37	10	246
Clay-colored Sparrow				3				3
Brewer's Sparrow			1		1		3	5
Vesper Sparrow	17	76	9	12	22	6	20	162
Lark Sparrow	1	24	8	1	24			58
Lark Bunting					6			6
Savannah Sparrow			8		9		15	32
Song Sparrow	2		6			1	9	18
Lincoln's Sparrow		1	1	3			1	6
White-crowned Sparrow		1	1im					2
Red-winged Blackbird	7	1	322	2	65		50	447
Western Meadowlark	27	7	7	5	5	10	3	64
Yellow-headed Blackbird					380			380
Brewer's Blackbird	93	2	9		4		40	148
Common Grackle	274		2		8		6	290
Northern Oriole								
"Bullock's" race			1ma					1
House Finch	335	4	2		32	5	75	453
Pine Siskin			7			5		12
Lesser Goldfinch		28FY	1			25		54
American Goldfinch	5	10	53	6		10	90	174
Evening Grosbeak	2							2
House Sparrow	62			4	90			156
TOTAL SPECIES-163	69	68	83	67	65	47	82	163
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS-17456	5747	1366	1706	4214	2589	323	1511	17456

ABBREVIATIONS & NOTES: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i;
 Heard Only=H; Banded=B; Feeding Young=FY; Plains=
 PLNS; Foothills=FHL.

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OCTOBER 1988 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- OCTOBER 1, Saturday. Boulder area: Boulder Creek below the University of Colorado, Valmont Reservoir & Walden Ponds (BLD). Leader: Alex Cruz, Jr. Observers: Ruth Bull, Tom & Virginia Faxon, Kathy Holt, Irv Jackson, Hazel Kellogg, Rich Maslow, John Prather. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; Wind, 0-15 MPH; 55°-70°). 12 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. 4.5 hours birding. (54 species, 1226 individuals).
- 2, Sunday. South side of the South Platte River in the Fort Morgan-Brush area (SP). Observer: Dan Bridges. (Clear; Wind, 0-10 MPH; 50°-70°). 228 miles by car, 9 miles on foot. 8 hours birding. (54 species, 701 individuals).
- 2, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCK). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Janet Cooper, Lisa Hardy, Alan Hay, Joe Himmel, Randy Lentz, Dick Pratt, Don & Jo Shrode, Steve Stachowiak, Allaire and

- OCTOBER (cont.) Scott Wallace. (Clear; Wind, variable 5-10 MPH; 43° - 81°). 28 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. 12 hours birding. (70 species, 1530 individuals).
- 8, Saturday. Denver Botanic Arboretum & Mouth of Deer Creek Canyon (DBADC). Leader: Bobbie Ausfahl. Observers: Lori Chappell, Sue Harris, Hazel Kellogg, Mary Jane Schock, Anne Southcott, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, calm; 70°). 15 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (24 species, 179 individuals).
- 9, Sunday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal Periphery & Barr Lake State Park (BAR). Leader: Walt Bull. Observers: Pat Aitken, Lisa Hardy, Irv Jackson, Twyla Jorgensen, Hugh Ravatt, Lee & Marilyn Rowe, Don & Jo Shrode, Joe TenBrink, Cal Wichern, Virgil Williams. (Mostly cloudy, drizzle; Wind, NE 0-15 MPH; 40° - 65°). 58 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (48 species, 1735 individuals).
- 10, Monday. South side of the South Platte River in the Fort Morgan-Brush area (SPR). Observer: Dan Bridges. (Clear; Wind, 5-20 MPH; 45° - 65°). 220 miles by car, 8 miles on foot. 6.5 hours birding. (42 species, 1469 individuals).
- 15, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WGB). Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Rose & Mike Barber, Dan Bridges, Scott Fitzmorris, Lisa Hardy, Alan & Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Kathy Holt, JoAnne Kyhl, Don & Jo Shrode, Lynn Solomon, Joe TenBrink, Allaire Wallace. (Partly cloudy to clear; Wind, 0-5 MPH; 50° - 75°). Zero miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 4.5 hours birding. (32 species, 651 individuals).
- 16, Sunday. Chatfield SRA (CH). Leader: Irv Jackson. Observers: Lisa Hardy, Bob Montgomery, Anne Southcott, Dick Williams, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Wind, S 15 MPH; 35° - 70°). 25 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 6 hours birding. (34 species, 250 individuals).
- 19-21, Wednesday through Friday. Northeastern Colorado: Jackson Reservoir, Muir Springs Park, Bijou Reservoir, "Pelican Refuges", Orchard, Wiggins, Prospect Reservoir (NECO). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Partly cloudy with P.M. thundershowers on Wed; clear on the 20th & 21st; Wind, variable 0-5 MPH except NE 5-15 MPH on the 20th; 25° - 75°). 180 miles by car, 16 miles on foot. 30 hours birding. (82 species, 27,872 individuals).
- 22&23, Saturday & Sunday. Pueblo/Rye/Colorado City area: Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo Nature Area, C.F.&I. Lakes, Rye (PUB). Leader: David Silverman. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Joyce Bowles, Ruth Breckon, Leon Bright, Mary Coffey, Bob Dickson, Johnnie Dickson, Donna Engard, Mel & Vera Gabel, Glenn & Jeane Hageman, Dave Johnson, Pat Monaco, Bob & Marty Montgomery, Brandon Percibal, Mike & Rhonda Ketchen, Robert Spencer, Van Truan, Ruth Wheeler, Mark Yeager. (Partly cloudy to clear; Wind, W 5-20 MPH on Saturday and calm on Sunday; 50° - 72°). 100 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 15 hours birding. (87 species, 1664 individuals).
- 23, Sunday. Sedalia, Plum Creek & Castlewood Canyon State Park (SC). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Scott Fitzmorris, Ty Fitzmorris, Lisa Hardy, Randy Lentz, Aaron Sell, Anne Southcott, Mort Staatz, Allaire Wallace, Dick Williams, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Wind, S 0-3 MPH; 35° - 50°). 140 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (38 species, 320 individuals).

- OCTOBER 25, Tuesday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCK). Observers: Alan Hay, Joe Himmel, Jack Reddall, Bob Righter. (Partly cloudy becoming overcast; Wind, variable 5-10 MPH; 30°-55°). 40 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 9.5 hours birding. (55 species, 821 individuals).
- 29, Saturday. Bear Creek-plains to foothills (BCK). Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Kathy Holt, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Hugh Ravatt, Ruth Wheeler, Dick Williams. (Cloudy; Wind, light; 40°-50°). 40 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 8 hours birding. (34 species, 388 individuals).
- 30, Sunday. Northwest Denver Lakes (NWD). Leader: Diana Mullineaux. Observers: Mary Burns, Marilyn Clark, Marge Gibb, Irv Jackson, Jill Knaak, Don Mullineaux, Mort Staatz. (Clear; 42°-75°). 30 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 5.5 hours birding. (35 species, 1222 individuals).

OCTOBER 1988 FIELD TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

One hundred and fifty species were reported by the Denver Field Ornithologists during October from a total of 14 scheduled and individual field trips. Common Loons appeared as follows: 3 at Jackson Reservoir in Morgan County on the 23rd, 2 on the DFO weekend trip on the 22nd & 23rd to the Pueblo area and 5 at Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA October 25. The single American Bittern, present all summer and into early fall at the Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, was found by field trips on the 2nd and 25th. Three adults and one immature Greater White-fronted Geese were observed on October 23rd at the C.F.&I. Lakes south of Pueblo. Two immature "white" morph Snow Geese were also reported at this location on the 23rd. Four Ospreys were recorded by field trip observers during the month: one at Barr Lake S.P. on the 9th, one along the South Platte River near Fort Morgan on the 10th and two in the Pueblo area over the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd. Two female Merlins ("Richardson's" race) were observed chasing longspurs and Horned Larks at Jackson Reservoir on the 19th while a single bird was reported on the 23rd trip to the Sedalia/Castlewood Canyon S.P. areas. The only Dunlin reported by DFO field trips this fall came from Pueblo Reservoir on the 22nd. A Red Phalarope was discovered on October 23 at the C.F.&I. Lakes just south of Pueblo. Once considered accidental in its occurrence in Colorado, the Red Phalarope is now reported regularly each fall on the eastern high plains of the state. It probably has been overlooked, but with more proficient field observers out and about in recent years, more valid observations of this species are turning up.

A single Long-eared Owl was found by Virgil Williams on the trip to Chatfield SRA on October 16. Two separate reports of Common Poorwills came in during the month - one bird flushed on October 2 along the South Platte River near Fort Morgan and one was found on the 22nd in the Pueblo area. An immature Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, rare anywhere in Colorado, was seen on October 2 along the South Platte River near Fort Morgan. A late Sage Thrasher was observed on the 21st along Morgan County Road L near Wiggins. The warbler migration this fall can be described as less than spectacular. The October "finds" were limited to one Magnolia Warbler on the 15th at the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, a female Black-throated Blue Warbler on the 10th near Fort Morgan and a Blackpoll Warbler at Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA on October 2. Finally, McCown's and Lapland Longspurs flocking with large numbers of Horned Larks were present along the shorelines of Jackson Reservoir on the 19th through the 21st.

The best finds of the month are listed under "Additional Reports". So all-in-all, the month was not a total loss.

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OCTOBER	1	2	2	8	9	10	15	16	19-	22&	23	23	25	29	30
AREA COVERED	BLD	SP	CCK	DBADC	BAR	SPR	WGB	CH	NECO	PUB	SC	CCK	BCK	NWD	
LIFE ZONES VISITED	PLN	PL	PLN	PL FH	PLN	PLN	PLN	PL	PLNS	P/F	PF	PLN	P/F	PLN	
American Coot	100		50		43		12	99	130	722		15		28	
Sandhill Crane						500			465						
Semipalmated Plover										1					
Killdeer	4	7	25	2	3	5	5	3	40	27		15			
Greater Yellowlegs	8				2				3						
Lesser Yellowlegs	7	1							2						
Spotted Sandpiper	1														
Least Sandpiper			1						1			2			
Baird's Sandpiper			1						13						
Pectoral Sandpiper			2		1					1					
Dunlin										1					
Calidris sp.	2														
Long-bill. Dowitcher			5						43	1		3			
Common Snipe	12	2	2		1		4					8	3	1	
Red Phalarope										1					
Franklin's Gull			6		9	4		2	8						
Bonaparte's Gull									2ad			7			
Mew Gull												1im			
Ring-billed Gull	100	2	100		30		57	10	2500	48	13	75	5	60	
California Gull			300		90			6	500	1		100			
Herring Gull									10			1ad			
Forster's Tern			1												
Rock Dove	2	5		7	7	4	21	2	30	6	3		12	82	
Mourning Dove		6	1		1	3								1	
Eastern Screech-Owl							1								
Great Horned Owl		3	4	2		2		2				1ad			
Long-eared Owl								1							
Common Poorwill		1								1					
Belted Kingfisher	2	3	3			3	1	3	1	6		1	2	2	
Lewis' Woodpecker										2	3				
Yellow-bell Sapsucker		1i													
Red-naped Sapsucker			1ma												
William's Sapsucker										1ma					
Downy Woodpecker	1	9		1	1	6	1	1			1	1-h	1		
"Eastern" races			3						3	7					
Hairy Woodpecker		2				2									
"Rocky Mtn" race										1					
"Eastern" races									2						
Northern Flicker	2						9	3	25					6	
"Yellow-shafted"		3				3									
"Red-shafted" race		30	15	1	2	3	20			13	2	8	12		
Empidonax sp.											1				
Horned Lark			1		2				750	10					
Barn Swallow		1	3		4										
Steller's Jay					6					2	4		1		
Blue Jay	1	10	4	1	3	1	7		15	2	3	1			
Scrub Jay					4					10	29				
Clark's Nutcracker										3					
Black-billed Magpie	20	25	30		7	11	20	8	25	22	3	40	30	10	
American Crow	2		3					1	20	10	34	1		7	
Common Raven										8					
Black-cap. Chickadee	6	40	10	8	6	3	30	25	15	13	12	5	10		
Mountain Chickadee									2	6	1		6		
Red-breast. Nuthatch										2					

OCTOBER AREA COVERED LIFE ZONES VISITED	1 BLD PLN	2 SP PL	2 CCK PLN	8 DBADC PL FH	9 BAR PLN	10 SPR PLN	15 WGB PLN	16 CH PL	19- 21 NECO PLNS	22& 23 PUB P/F	23 SC PF	25 CCK PLN	29 BCK P/F	30 NWD PLN
White-br. Nuthatch	1	1						1		4	1			
Pygmy Nuthatch										40	1		3	
Rock Wren		1								1				
Canyon Wren											2			
Bewick's Wren										2				
House Wren		3												
Marsh Wren									2					
American Dipper	2												1	
Golden-cr. Kinglet										3				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2	5	1			4	1		2	5	2			
Mountain Bluebird										40				
Townsend's Solitaire		1		2						2	2			
Swainson's Thrush		4				2								
Hermit Thrush	1	2												
American Robin	8	99	35	2	6	70	38		200	14	3	1	6	
Gray Catbird		3												
Sage Thrasher									1					
Water Pipit			8			4			11	1	3			
Cedar Waxwing		12									8			
Northern Shrike									1ad	1				
European Starling	100	5	100	19	46	7	29	12	5000	163	15	60	25	60
Orange-crown Warbler	2	8	2	4		1								
Magnolia Warbler							1							
Black-thr. Bl. Warbler						1fe								
Yellow-rump Warbler	1	60		10	5	15	28					3		
"Myrtle" race									65	6				
"Audubon's" race			10		3				5				2	
Townsend's Warbler		1												
Blackpoll Warbler			1im											
Common Yellowthroat			2											
Wilson's Warbler	3	1	1			1								
Western Tanager			2											
Rufous-sided Towhee		7				3				3	3			
"Spotted" races				1					1ma					
Brown Towhee										10				
Am. Tree Sparrow									1		2	9		
Chipping Sparrow	2	20	25	2		1				2		4		
Clay-colored Sparrow			5											
Brewer's Sparrow		6	1											
Vesper Sparrow			2											
Song Sparrow	1	8	8			6	2	1	25	4	5	15		
Lincoln's Sparrow			1											
White-thr. Sparrow									5ali					
White-crown Sparrow	11	60			5	60	7	1		58	2		12	
"Gambel's" race			6						170			6		
Dark-eyed Junco														
"White-wing" race									1	1				
"Slate-color" race		1							1	2	1			
"Oregon" race		50	4	2		40	11		35	6	10	5	4	
"Gray-headed" race	1									3	1			
McCown's Longspur									40					
Lapland Longspur									10					
Red-winged Blackbird	50	75	200	9	55	10	19	6	4000	43	55	50		

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AREA COVERED	BLD	SP	CCK	DBADC		BAR	SPR	WGB	CH	NECO	PUB	SC	CCK	BCK	NWD	
LIFE ZONES VISITED	PLN	PL	PLN	PL	FH	PLN	PLN	PLN	PL	PLNS	P/F	PF	PLN	P/F	PLN	
Western Meadowlark	2	50	20	2		21	20		3	50	4			1		
Brewer's Blackbird			2					4		75	3	2				
Common Grackle	4		2				500	4		9500				1		
House Finch	25	6	50				7	10		20	36	18	5	60	15	
Pine Siskin	1	1								1	6					
Lesser Goldfinch											2					
American Goldfinch	2	15	5				10			60		8	3			
Evening Grosbeak	36										17					
House Sparrow	2	10	1			20	40	8		200	14	50	15		5	
TOTAL SPECIES-150	54	54	70		24	48	42	32	34	82	87	48	55	34	35	

ABBREVIATIONS & NOTES: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f;
 Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i; Heard Only=H; Plains=PLNS,
 PLN, PL, P; Foothills=FH, F;

ADDITIONAL OCTOBER 1988 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

PLEASE NOTE! Instructions for submitting "Additional Reports":

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the compiler reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual/rare or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips. Sightings reported to the Colorado Bird Report will not automatically be accepted and published in the Lark Bunting unless reported to the compiler in writing as stipulated in item 2 below.
2. Individual "Additional Reports" should be submitted in writing in Sixth A.O.U. Check-List (1983, 1985, 1987) order and include the date(s), of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and the specific location. Please refer to the Supplement to Lark Bunting, Volume 21, Number 3 (December 1985) for instructions on preparing written documentation to support observations of extremely rare or accidental species and for any species never before recorded in Colorado.
3. Deadline for receipt of all "Additional Reports" is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published in the current month.
4. Send your "Additional Reports" to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111.

 Pacific Loon 10-29 (1) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington Co. (DB).
 Common Loon 10-17 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR).
 Clark's Grebe 10-10 (1) Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (TJ).
 American Bittern 10-22 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (HK).
 Cattle Egret 10-9 (1) Union Reservoir (TJ).
 Snow Goose 10-29 (150 adults, 25 immatures-"White" morphs) Prewitt Reservoir (DB).
 Wood Duck 10-14 (4 males) East County Line Road and Colo. Hwy. 52 (Mineral Road) at Boulder Creek, Boulder Co. (AH,DH); 10-29 (1 male) Union Reservoir (BA,PG).
 Hooded Merganser 10-29 (50) Baseline Reservoir, Boulder Co. (BA,PG).
 Sharp-shinned Hawk 10-21, 10-23 & 10-29 (1 adult) 2025 S. Monroe, Denver, Denver Co. (TJ).

Broad-winged Hawk 10-22 (1 immature, dark morph) Bowles Reservoir #1, Jefferson Co. (LH). Detailed written documentation submitted (LH).

Ferruginous Hawk 10-10 (1, dark morph) Huron Street at 112th Avenue, Adams Co. (TJ). Editor's Note: This has been a superb fall (September & October) for migrating Ferruginous Hawks with several observers reporting over 20 individual birds sighted in single groups.

Rough-legged Hawk 10-15 (1 adult) Hack Ranch, Park Co. (CH, FH, KH).

Golden Eagle 10-9 (1 adult) Rock Creek Farm in Broomfield, Boulder Co. (TJ); 10-9 (2 immatures) Rabbit Mountain Park, Lyons, Boulder Co. (TJ).

Merlin 10-8 (1, "Richardson's" race) Weld Co. Roads 46 & 47 (WL, JR); 10-22 (1, "Richardson's" race) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (HK).

Blue Grouse 10-29 (2) near Critchell, Jefferson Co. (AH, DH).

White-tailed Ptarmigan 10-22 (12) at 12000' on Mt. McLellan about 10 miles off of Guanella Pass Road between Georgetown and Grant, Clear Creek County (JA, PA).

Wild Turkey 10-17 (1) Stapleton Drive, Jefferson Co. (PE).

Whooping Crane 10-2 (1 "red-plumaged" immature) Monte Vista NWR, Rio Grande Co. (BR, SR).

Black-bellied Plover 10-15 (2 in winter plumage) Riverside Reservoir, Weld Co. (DB).

Least Sandpiper 10-22 (2) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (HK).

Baird's Sandpiper 10-11 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (HK).

Red Phalarope 10-13 (1 in winter plumage) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (HK). Editor's Note: This relatively rare phalarope remained in the area from 10-13 through at least 10-18 and was seen by many observers.

Pomarine Jaeger 10-3 through 10-7 (1, dark morph, sub-adult) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JH). Written documentation submitted (JH).

Bonaparte's Gull 10-29 (9) Prewitt Reservoir (DB).

COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL 10-8 & 10-9 (1 adult in winter plumage) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (WL, JR, SS). Detailed written documentation and sketches on file (JR). Detailed sketches on file (WL). This is a first state record for this European species in Colorado.

Mew Gull 10-9 through 10-31 (1 first winter immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir (WL, JR). This gull is the sub-species Larus canus brachyrhynchus. Detailed written documentation and sketches on file (JR).

Lewis' Woodpecker 10-9 (1) Co. Rd. 28 near Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (TJ).

Red-bellied Woodpecker 10-4 (1) south side of the South Platte River. .5 mile upstream from Bijou Creek, Morgan Co. (DB).

Western Kingbird 10-1 & 10-2 (1) Co. Rd. 35, Park Co. (CH, KH).

Brown Creeper 10-4 (1) 2695 Newland St., Denver (PE).

Winter Wren 10-25 (1) Bear Creek Lake Park, Jefferson Co. (MJS).

Eastern Bluebird 10-9 (3) South Platte River on island downstream from Julesburg, Sedgwick Co. (DB).

Hermit Thrush 10-4 (2) 2695 Newland St., Denver (PE).

Northern Shrike 10-17 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).

Solitary Vireo 10-18 (1) Waterton, Jefferson Co. (HK).

Tennessee Warbler 10-4 (1 male) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).

Chestnut-sided Warbler 10-9 (1) 869 Milwaukee, Denver (HK).

Black-throated Blue Warbler 10-1 (1 male) Golden Gate State Park, Jefferson Co. (BA).

Townsend's Warbler 10-1 (1) Great Sand Dunes National Monument, Saguache Co. (BR, SR); 10-4 (1) 2695 Newland St., Denver (PE).

Swamp Sparrow 10-8 (1) Jumbo Reservoir (DB); 10-22 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (HK); 10-23 (1 banded by the Colorado Bird Observatory) Barr Lake State Park, Adams Co. (HK).

White-throated Sparrow 10-9 (7) South Platte River on island downstream from Julesburg (DB); 10-26 (1) Chatfield SRA, Jefferson Co. (HK).

Golden-crowned Sparrow 10-31 (1 adult) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (RS). Brief written details submitted (RS).

Harris' Sparrow 10-9 (3) South Platte River on island downstream from Julesburg (DB).
Rusty Blackbird 10-4 (1 female) south side of South Platte River, .5 mile upstream from Bijou Creek, Morgan Co. (DB).
Common Grackle 10-15 (1) Jefferson, Park Co. (CH, FH, KH).
Evening Grosbeak 10-1 & 10-4 (10) 2695 Newland St., Denver (PE).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

DFO PURCHASES A NEW "COLORADO BIRD REPORT" TAPE MACHINE

The Denver Field Ornithologists have just replaced one of the old, ailing machines that serve as the Colorado Bird Report with a new state-of-the-art machine. All calls are now taken on this new machine unless it is out for repairs, then a backup machine will answer. The new machine has two features which will help to provide a better bird report to you. Firstly, it can be accessed remotely, which means that the announcement can be updated from any phone; so no more quiet weekends when the updater is not around to update the tape. The second feature can be directly used by the caller. When dialing in to leave a message on the tape, it is no longer necessary to listen to the entire announcement, and leave your message after the "beep" at the end of the tape as was done in the past. You now can leave a message by listening to as little or as much of the announcement as you want, and then pushing "5" on your touch tone-phone, listening for the "beep", and leaving a message just as you would if you had listened to the entire tape! If you have an old rotary dial phone at your house (the phone company charges more for a touch-tone line, and you can't use a rotary dial phone to use this new by-pass feature), but have a pushbutton style phone with a "pulse/tone" switch, you can still take advantage of this feature. Call the Colorado Bird Report as you usually would with the switch set to "pulse". After the phone starts ringing, change the switch to "tone" and you can now use the "5" button to interrupt the announcement and leave a message anytime during the announcement. After you hangup, remember to reset your switch to "pulse", or the next time your phone is used it won't dial out successfully.

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DENVER AUDUBON TO HOLD WINTER BIRD SEED SALE

The Denver Audubon Society will hold its annual winter bird seed sale in January. Order forms for bird seed and feeders must be received by the Denver Audubon Society office in advance. Order forms may be obtained by calling the Denver Audubon office at 860-1471. Seed must be picked up on Sunday, January 29, 1989 unless other arrangements are made with the office. Orders will be delivered for a \$10 delivery charge. The pickup point for the sale is at the Denver Design Center, 595 South Broadway. The Design Center is conveniently located near the I-25 and Broadway interchange. Orders for bird feeders must be received by Jan. 2 and orders for the seed must be received by Jan. 16. Order forms will be available by December 1, 1988.

REPORTS FROM "TUESDAY BIRDERS"

OCTOBER 4. SQUAW PASS AND ECHO LAKE. Leader: Ann Bonnell.
Observers: 29.

Northern Goshawk-1, Red-tailed Hawk-1, Golden Eagle-1, American Kestrel-1, Gray Jay-1, Steller's Jay-6, Clark's Nutcracker-2 (one had only one leg), Black-billed Magpie-4, American Crow-2, Common Raven-5, Mountain Chickadee-6, Pygmy Nuthatch-15, Western Bluebird-2, Mountain Bluebird-20, White-crowned Sparrow-4, Cassin's Finch-20, Pine Siskin-13. (17 species, 114 individuals).

OCTOBER 11. CHATFIELD SRA. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 32.

Pied-billed Grebe-1, Horned Grebe-1, Western Grebe-16, Double-crest. Cormorant-18, Great Blue Heron-1, Black-cr. Night-Heron-1, Canada Goose-330, Green-winged Teal-40, Mallard-150, Northern Shoveler-8, Gadwall-4, American Wigeon-7, Bufflehead-6, Northern Harrier-2, Red-tailed Hawk-1, American Kestrel-5, Prairie Falcon-1, American Coot-70, Killdeer-11, Ring-billed Gull-90, Rock Dove-4, Mourning Dove-1, Great Horned Owl-1, Belted Kingfisher-1, Northern Flicker "Red-shafted"-4, Steller's Jay-8, Black-billed Magpie-16, Black-capped Chickadee-10, Rufous-sided Towhee-1, Chipping Sparrow-1, Song Sparrow-1, Dark-eyed Junco "Oregon"-2, Red-winged Blackbird-5, Western Meadowlark-2, American Goldfinch-4. (35 species, 824 individuals).

OCTOBER 18. CHERRY CREEK STATE RECREATION AREA. Leader: Ann Bonnell.
Observers: 31.

Common Loon-2, Pied-billed Grebe-2, Horned Grebe-1, Eared Grebe-1, Western Grebe-26, Double-crest. Cormorant-88, Great Blue Heron-12, Canada Goose-10, Wood Duck-1, Green-winged Teal-30, Mallard-7, Gadwall-4, Redhead-30, Lesser Scaup-3, Northern Harrier-5, Red-tailed Hawk-1, Ferruginous Hawk-2, American Coot-27, Killdeer-10, Least Sandpiper-2, Long-billed Dowitcher-11, Red Phalarope-1, Franklin's Gull-1, Ring-billed Gull-178, California Gull-3, Belted Kingfisher-2, Downy Woodpecker-1, Northern Flicker "Red-shafted"-1, Black-billed Magpie-15, Black-capped chickadee-6, Shrike (sp?)-1, European Starling-4, White-crowned Sparrow-2, Dark-eyed Junco "Oregon"-2, Red-winged Blackbird-32, Western Meadowlark-1. (36 species, 525 individuals).

OCTOBER 25. UPPER WHITE RANCH. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 32.

Rock Dove-6, Northern Flicker "Red-shafted"-1, Steller's Jay-10, Black-billed Magpie-4, Common Raven-3, Brown Creeper-2, Townsend's Solitaire-9, American Robin-17, European Starling-4, Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed"-10, Red Crossbill-30. (11 species, 96 individuals).

OCTOBER 28, FRIDAY. CHATFIELD ARBORETUM. Leader: Ann Bonnell.
Observers: 7.

Mallard-21, Northern Shoveler-1, Bufflehead-4, Northern Harrier-1,

Reports from "Tuesday Birders" cont.

Red-tailed Hawk-2, Ferruginous Hawk-1, American Kestrel-4, Common Snipe-1, Great Horned Owl-2, Downy Woodpecker-3, Northern Flicker "Red-shafted"-12, Blue Jay-1, Black-billed Magpie-7, American Crow-70, Black-capped Chickadee-38, Mountain Chickadee-3, Townsend's Solitaire-2, American Robin-1, Northern Shrike-2, European Starling-5, American Tree Sparrow-27, Chipping Sparrow-5, Song Sparrow-2, White-crowned Sparrow-1, Dark-eyed Junco "Oregon"-12; "Gray-headed"-4; "Pink-sided"-7, Red-winged Blackbird-3, Western Meadowlark-4, House Finch-7, American Goldfinch-4. (29 species, 257 individuals).

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IDENTIFIABLE SUBSPECIES AND COLOR MORPHS - NUMBER 2.

ROSS' GOOSE (Chen rossii)

"Blue" morph

"White" morph

TAXONOMIC STATUS & DISTRIBUTION: The Ross' Goose breeds primarily in the Queen Maud Gulf area of northern Mackenzie and northwestern Keewatin, southern Southampton Island and along the west coast of Hudson Bay south to Cape Churchill. It winters mainly in the interior valleys of California and to southern New Mexico, Texas and the Gulf coast of Louisiana. Unlike the Snow Goose, the blue and white morphs were never considered as separate and distinct species. It is only recently that extremely rare blue morphs of the Ross' Goose have been reported, and presumably their range coincides with that of the much more prevalent white morph. It is of interest to note that this diminutive goose, once considered quite rare, is now surprisingly rather common within its normal range. The first nest was not discovered until July 1, 1940 by officials of the Hudson's Bay Company on a small lake along a tributary of the Perry River, 50 miles north of the Arctic Circle in northern Canada.

BASIC DIFFERENCES IN FIELD MARKS: The Ross' Goose is one of the smallest of our North American geese averaging about the size of a Mallard. In overall appearance it is a smaller edition of the Snow Goose. CAUTION: Apparently this species hybridizes with "Lesser" Snow Geese along the eastern edge of its breeding range. Therefore, considerable care and skill needs to be exercised when identifying Ross' Geese from "Lesser" Snow Geese in the field.

BLUE MORPH	WHITE MORPH
<u>ADULT</u> (sexes alike) There is very little information available which describes the plumages of the blue morph. Nonetheless, the adult and immatures are reported to be quite similar in appearance to the blue morph of the "Lesser" Snow Goose, with one source stating that the belly of the blue morph adults is <u>white</u> vs. dark-grayish on <u>typical</u> blue morphs of the "Lesser" Snow Goose.	<u>Body:</u> All white. <u>Wings:</u> White with black primaries. <u>Bill:</u> Small, pinkish. Some may show a warty, bluish base seen only at close range. Lacks the "grinning" patch characteristic of the Snow Goose. <u>Legs & Feet:</u> Pinkish. <u>Eye:</u> Dark.
<u>IMMATURE</u> (sexes alike) See comments above.	<u>Body:</u> Generally all white with brownish-gray shading on the head and continuing down the hindneck. Upperback, brownish-gray being fainter on the shorter scapulars. <u>Wings:</u> Same as adult except some or all of the secondaries and tertials showing grayish or brownish centers. <u>Bill:</u> Greenish becoming pinkish throughout the winter; lacks the warty protuberances as found on some adults. Lacks the "grinning" patch of the Snow Goose. <u>Legs and Feet:</u> Pinkish.

IDENTIFIABLE SUBSPECIES AND COLOR MORPHS (ROSS' GOOSE) continued:

STATUS IN COLORADO: White morphs are rare to uncommon spring and fall migrants to the larger lakes and reservoirs on the eastern high plains, often accompanying large flocks of Snow Geese, but also occurring singly or in small, pure flocks. They are accidental in occurrence during spring and fall migration in the San Luis Valley and to the western valleys. Occasionally a few may winter on the eastern high plains with large flocks of Snow Geese. Blue morphs should be looked for among the larger flocks of migrating white morphs. I have seen what I believed were two blue morphs intermixed with a flock of white morphs at Nee-Noshe Reservoir, Kiowa County on April 23, 1987 for the only record I can find for the state to date.

BEST SPOTS IN COLORADO AND OPTIMUM PERIODS TO OBSERVE:

A). During Spring (March-April) and Fall (October-early December) Migration

Jumbo Reservoir (Sedgwick County)
Prewitt Reservoir (Washington County)
Jackson Reservoir (Morgan County)
Bonny Reservoir (Yuma County)
Lake Meredith (Crowley County)
Nee-Noshe Reservoir (Kiowa County)
Nee-So-Pah Reservoir (Kiowa County)

B). During Winter (November through February)

Any of the above locations but you will have to be lucky!

SUGGESTED REFERENCES:

Field Guide to the Birds of North America - National Geographic (First Edition), pages 64 and 65.

Master Guide to Birding - The Audubon Society, 1983, Volume I, pages 144-149.

A Guide to Field Identification of North American Birds - Robbins, Bruun & Zim, 1983, pages 44 and 45.

A Field Guide to the Birds - Peterson, 1980, pages 42-47.

The Ducks, Geese and Swans of North America - Kortright & Shortt, 1943, pages 144-148 and color plates #4 and #5.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 1988

DECEMBER 3, Saturday. NORTHWEST METRO AREA. Leader: Roland Olderog (429-1024). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the northwest corner of Sloan's Lake park, Sheridan Blvd. and West 25th Avenue. *

4, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SRA. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the west entrance gate to the SRA. *

10, Saturday. CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT (PRE-COUNT-AREA 4A) - Lower South Platte River. Leader: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924) assisted by Ed Holub (979-2194) and Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 7:45 A.M. on the west side of King Soopers at South Federal Blvd. and Bellevue, northeast corner. *

10&11, Saturday & Sunday. CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT PRE-COUNTS. Contact the Leader of an area in which you would like to assist and to determine if a Pre-count is to be undertaken.

17, Saturday. ANNUAL DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT. See details on following page.

*BRING LUNCH

Submitted by: Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT: Saturday, December 17, 1988

COUNT LEADERS: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809)
Jack Reddall (771-5308)
Anne Southcott (979-1455)

FEEDER COORDINATOR: Hugh Kingery (333-0161)

COUNT COMPILERS: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809)
Jack Reddall (771-5308)

COMPILATION MEETING & DINNER: 5:00 P.M. at Wyatt's Cafeteria, Bear Valley Shopping Center.

Please call one of the Area Leaders listed below if you would like to assist in counting in a particular area or call Anne Southcott (979-1455) if you would like to help count in an area that needs additional participants. As you can see, there are still three count areas that do not have leaders and consequently will not be covered if we can't come up with some volunteers to help out in these areas. If you are interested in leading the count in one of these three areas, please call one of the Count Leaders listed above as soon as possible.

Area Leaders should contact Anne Southcott before the Count to indicate how many participants each one has to assist in their respective areas.

ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT, PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY!

In order to participate in the Annual Denver Christmas Bird Count, you will be required to pay a \$4.00 fee as directed by the National Audubon Society. This \$4.00 fee is necessary to help defray the cost of publishing the results of all Christmas Bird Counts nationwide and elsewhere in American Birds. The "Sliding Fee Scale" used last year has been abandoned. Therefore it will cost \$4.00 this year for every Christmas Bird Count a person participates in. TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS, ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE HEREBY ADVISED THAT A \$4.00 FEE MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE AND YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PAY THIS FEE OR NOT TAKE PART IN THE COUNT. Checks must be made payable to AMERICAN BIRDS, not the Denver Field Ornithologists!

PRE-COUNTS: All Area Leaders are strongly encouraged to conduct Pre-Counts. Since days and times will vary for Pre-Counts, please contact an Area Leader if you desire to assist in a particular area. There is no fee charged for participating in a Pre-Count.

Listed below are the area numbers and locations along with the names of the Area Leaders and their telephone numbers. Please contact Area Leaders for information as to meeting places and times on Count Day, December 17, 1988.

AREA NUMBER AND LOCATION	AREA LEADER AND TELEPHONE NUMBER
1. Red Rocks Park.	Bill Brockner 674-4851
2. Lower Bear Creek.	Bob Spencer 279-4682
	Mary Jane Schock 922-3144
2A. Bear Creek Lake Park. . .	Kathy Hawkins 757-0809
3. BowMar/Marston.	Mort Staatz 279-6169
4A. Lower South Platte. . . .	Ruth Wheeler 455-3924
	Ed Holub 979-2194
	Ruth Breckon 455-0970
4B. Lower South Platte. . . .	Dick Schottler 278-8035
5. Highline Ditch.	Harold Oliver 936-6902
6. Plum Creek.	Doug Ward 922-9702
	Norm Erthal 424-6747
7A. Middle South Platte . . .	Patty Echelmeyer 233-4947
7B. Middle South Platte . . .	Hugh Kingery 333-0161

AREA NUMBER AND LOCATION	AREA LEADER AND TELEPHONE NUMBER
8. Chatfield SRA	Jack Reddall 771-5308
9. Upper South Platte.	David Martin 422-9143
10. Lower Deer Creek.	Lynn Willcockson 757-7000
11. Upper Deer Creek.	NO LEADER
12. Yegge Peak.	Dan Bridges 755-7665
13. Doublehead Mountain	Mike Carter 750-8252
14. North Turkey Creek.	Warren Finch 233-3372
15. Indian Hills.	Duane Nelson 642-7109
16. Upper Bear Creek.	Cal Wichern 693-3718
17. Ken-Caryl Ranch	Alan Hay 422-0239
18. Garrison Gate	NO LEADER
19. Morrison/Willow Brook	Carol Hack 777-7893
20. Willow Creek.	NO LEADER
21. Mt. Lindo/Willow Springs.	John Bregar 753-0477

OTHER COLORADO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

December 17, Saturday:

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK Clait Braun - Business 1-484-2836
 - Home 1-493-2841

LONGMONT Virginia D'Onigi - 1-776-2629

COLORADO SPRINGS Toni Brevillier - 1-719-635-3838

December 18, Sunday:

BOULDER Bill Kaempfer - 939-8005

EVERGREEN Ives Hannay - 674-8725

December 19, Monday:

FORT MORGAN Dave Hutchinson - Business 936-3466
 - Home 1-667-8413

December 31, Saturday:

BARR LAKE Bob Andrews - 442-3238

INDIAN PEAKS Mike Figgs - 447-1899

DOUGLAS COUNTY Ben Moore - 989-0269

PIKES PEAK Cindy Lippincott 1-719-634-7736

DATES NOT YET DETERMINED

NUNN Clait Braun - 1-484-2836 or 1-493-2841

NORTH PARK Clait Braun - 1-484-2836 or 1-493-2841

FORT COLLINS Dr. Ron Ryder 1-482-8089

RAWHIDE Dr. Ron Ryder 1-482-8089

CROOK Jack Reddall 771-5308

TUESDAY BIRDERS. You are welcome to join a group of birders on each Tuesday of the month. Call Ann Bonnell (979-6211) for details.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS -- Membership Information

WELCOME to the D.F.O.

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December), 7:30 p.m. at the Denver Museum of Natural History West Auditorium. Date and time reported on Rare Bird Alert 423-5582. These meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in different sections of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring your lunch and wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile per car divided by number of passengers including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, The Lark Bunting, is issued monthly listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on previous month's trips is given in check-list order as well as many of the interesting sightings reported by members.

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NOVEMBER 1988 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES (Jack Reddall, compiler):

- NOVEMBER 5, Saturday. Chatfield SRA (CSR). Leader: Anne Southcott. Observers: Mel Gabel, Lisa Hardy, Joe Himmel, Hazel Kellogg, Harold & Betty Oliver, Don & Joe Shrode, Joe TenBrink, Ruth Wheeler, Eleanor White, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Wind, very strong; 48°-62°). 20 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (46 species, 627 individuals).
- 6, Sunday. Near Plains: Union Reservoir, Windsor, Greeley and Lower Latham Reservoir (NEAR). Leader: Dick Pratt. Observers: Lisa Hardy, Randy Lentz, Aaron Sell, Mort Staatz. (Partly cloudy; Wind, W 5-10 MPH; 30°-40°). ? miles by car, .5 miles on foot. 8 hours birding. (54 species, 13,571 individuals).
- 7, Monday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCK). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Mostly clear; Wind, SE 10-20 MPH; 35°-54°). 31 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 9 hours birding. (52 species, 896 individuals).

- NOVEMBER 12, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park (BAR). Leader: Norman Erthal. Observers: Sally David, Joe Himmel, Kathy Holt, Marilyn & Lee Rowe, Bob Sabine, Anne Southcott, Bob Spencer, Eleanor White, Steve White, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Wind, W 0-25 MPH; Zero miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 6.5 hours birding. (40 species, 2536 individuals).
- 13, Sunday. Northeastern Colorado "Raptor Trip" (NECO). Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Hazel Hanley, Lisa Hardy, Marc Kelly, Betty & Harold Oliver, Sharon Polhamus, Jack Reddall, Aaron Sell, Dick Williams. (Partly cloudy; Wind, SE 10-15 MPH; 31°-60°). 213 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 10 hours birding. (58 species, 16,854 individuals).
- 16, Wednesday. Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (CCK). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Glenn & Jeane Hageman, Lisa Hardy, Alan Hay, Joe Himmel, Kathy Holt, Bob Spencer, Virgil Williams. (Partly cloudy, 1" of snow cover; Wind, SW 10 MPH becoming NW 5-25 MPH; 21°-43°). 23 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. (8.5 hours birding. (49 species, 1399 individuals).
- 17, Thursday. Adams County: Area between Washington and Riverdale & 120th Avenue and 168th Avenue, Veterans Park & Adams County Nature Preserve (AC). Observers: Jean Maguire, Joe TenBrink. (35 species, 669 individuals).
- 19, Saturday. South Platte River Park & McLellan Reservoir (SPR). Leader: Ed Holub. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Al Despin, Glenn & Jeane Hageman, Phil Hayes, Kathy Holt, Irv Jackson, Hazel Kell-ogg, Thompson Marsh, Mary Jo Rosemeyer, Don & Jo Shrode, Anne Southcott, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler, Virgil Williams. (Clear; Wind, calm; 14°-40°). 18 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. 7.75 hours birding. (47 species, 1913 individuals).
- 20, Sunday. Waterton to Roxborough Park (WR). Leaders: Harold & Betty Oliver. Observers: Merlynn Brown, Elden Galletti, Randy Lentz, Dale & Cheryl Peterson, Dick Pratt, Jerry & Arlene Raskin, Dick Williams. (Clear; Wind, NNE 1-8 MPH; 22°-53°). 8 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. 4.5 hours birding. (25 species, 303 individuals).
- 25, Friday. Evergreen (Kerr Gulch): "After Turkey the Day after Turkey Day" (EV). Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Carol Hack, Lisa Hardy, Kathy Hawkins. (Cloudy; Wind, calm; 25°-30°). 12 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 4 hours birding. (12 species, 59 individuals).
- 26, Saturday. Clear Creek & South Platte River (C/P). Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Kathy Holt, Pearl Jordan, Hazel Kell-ogg, Audrey Malloy, Thompson Marsh, Roland Olderog, Don & Jo Shrode, Mort Staatz, Rick & Janis Steenberg (Green River, Wyoming), Ruth Wheeler, Dick Williams. (Overcast to partly cloudy; Wind, 0-4 MPH; 22°-34°). 60 miles by car, 4.5 miles on foot. 8 hours birding. (51 species, 1942 individuals).
- 27, Sunday. Sedalia, Castlewood Canyon State Park & McLellan Reservoir (SCM). Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Don Galletti, Lisa Hardy, Dick Pratt, Jerry & Arlene Raskin, Dick Williams. (Clear; Wind, N 2-5 MPH; 0°-35°). 120 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. 7 hours birding. (42 species, 678 individuals).

NOVEMBER 1988 FIELD TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

During November, twelve field trips (10 scheduled by the Denver Field Ornithologists and two individual trips) accounted for 103 species. A single Clark's Grebe was seen by observers on the field trip to the Near Plains north of Denver on the 5th for the only sighting for the month. Three immature Tundra Swans were found at McLellan Reservoir on November 19 and three white morph Snow Geese were also spotted on the same trip. The "Raptor Trip" to north-eastern Colorado on the 13th found 10 raptor species including 5 Great Horned Owls, but failed to see a single Golden Eagle! The only report for the month of Golden Eagles came from Roxborough Park with two being observed. Two Chukars surprised the "Raptor Trip" on the 13th at a ranch house about one mile west of Bijou Reservoir in Morgan County. One bird was located sitting in a tree and the second one was chased away by a dog. Escapes? Probably, but from where? Ten Wild Turkeys were found at Kerr Gulch near Evergreen on the day after Thanksgiving (thank goodness!). A late Black-bellied Plover was observed at Barr Lake State Park on November 12, just one of only three shorebird species reported during the month. Gulls again generated much interest this season (see "Additional Reports" also). The immature Little Gull, present during the last week of the month at Sloan's Lake in Denver, was seen by the field trip on the 26th at this site. Bonaparte's Gulls were around the Denver area in good numbers in November with a maximum of 40 recorded on the 7th at Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA. The immature Mew Gull, present since October 9 at Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA was seen on field trips to this area on the 7th and again on the 16th. Five Thayer's Gulls were tallied on the 26th along Clear Creek/South Platte River in the Denver area but not one Herring Gull was reported! The Editor becomes quite sceptical every year with all of the reports (and numbers seen) of this most difficult to identify species. Observers are cautioned to be mindful of the promiscuity amongst the members of the Larus genus which results in numerous varieties of hybrids. The full species status of the Thayer's Gull is currently being scrutinized and (hopefully) before long, the Thayer's Gull will be reclassified to subspecies or hybrid status. Before being elevated to a full species in 1973, the Thayer's Gull was considered as a subspecies of the Herring Gull. A number of professional ornithologists now consider it to be more aligned with the Iceland Gull rather than the Herring Gull. So you field observers out there, take notice!

A single Long-eared Owl was observed at the Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA on the 7th. One of the outstanding surprises of the month was an extremely late Western Wood-Pewee seen near Sedalia on November 27 (what was this fly-catcher finding to eat?). Unfortunately, no details were submitted to substantiate this unusual occurrence and had the Editor not talked with one of the observers who saw this bird, he would not have accepted the report. The Editor again emphasizes the importance of documenting rare and unusually occurring species. One female Blue-gray Gnatcatcher was seen on the 5th at Chatfield SRA. A Lincoln's Sparrow was reported on November 6 by the "Near Plains" trip. An immature Swamp Sparrow was found at Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA on the 7th. Five Lapland Longspurs were spotted on November 13 along Weld County Road 4 and along Morgan County 3 on the "Raptor Trip". Look for these birds perching on the high power lines along these two county roads during winter (Horned Larks seldom are seen perching this high above the ground). Two Yellow-headed Blackbirds were observed at Henry's Lake on the 5th and one Lesser Goldfinch ("Green-backed" race) was reported on the 19th at South Platte River Park.

NOVEMBER 1988	5	6	7	12	13	16	17	19	20	25	26	27
AREA COVERED	CSR	NEAR	CCK	BAR	NECO	CCK	AC	SPR	WR	EV	C/P	SCM
LIFE ZONES VISITED	PLN	PLNS	PLN	PLN	PLNS	PLN	PL	PLN	PF	MT	PLN	P/F
Common Loon		1	4			3		2			1	2
Pied-billed Grebe		1		1		1	2	2			1	
Horned Grebe		3	4	10		3		2				1
Eared Grebe			6			20						
Western Grebe	6	30	25	4	1	20		3				2
Clark's Grebe		1										
Double-crested Cormorant		2	4			8					4	
Great Blue Heron	2	4			2		1	8			3	
Black-crowned Night-Heron		1										
Tundra Swan								3im				
Snow Goose												
"White" morph						1im		3				
Canada Goose	121	1057	55	400	800	700	45	675	47		600	250
Wood Duck	1		3					30				
Green-winged Teal	11	25	70	20		60	7	26			8	
Mallard	52	3790	75	250	5000	25	30	375	36		300	8
Northern Pintail	3		13	200	5	4	11	12				
Northern Shoveler	17	8		750	10		32				75	
Gadwall	30	20	20	100	40	20	4	9			18	1
American Wigeon	12	15	5	40	20	3	55	51			20	
Canvasback	8	15					23	10			16	
Redhead	10	62		2	3		25	17			14	16
Ring-necked Duck	75	25		150			30	85			37	
Lesser Scaup			1fe		40	8	12				19	
Common Goldeneye	6	20			2		15	23	3		48	12
Bufflehead	20	23		4	60		20	16	7		16	
Hooded Merganser			1fe	2	1fe	3	1m	35			3	16
Common Merganser	1		9			35		20			3	
Red-breasted Merganser			4fe		2fe	1fe			1			
Ruddy Duck		2		5	60		5					
Bald Eagle				2	1ali							
Northern Harrier	8	4	2im	2	10	3	2	2	6		1	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1	4							
Red-tailed Hawk	2	4		1			6		2			
"Western" races			3		13	4		3			6	7
"Harlan's" race								1			1	
"Krider's" race											1	
Ferruginous Hawk			1ad		1im	1ad	2				3	2
Rough-legged Hawk		1			5				10		1	3
Golden Eagle								2				
American Kestrel	3	15	1fe	1	14		3	3	1	1	4	2
Merlin											1	
"Richardson's" race				1fe	1fe							
Prairie Falcon					8		1				1	
Chukar					2-?							
Ring-necked Pheasant		6	4		15	5					1	
Wild Turkey										10		
Virginia Rail			3-H			2-H						
American Coot	38	2	4	4	25	8	20	75			12	30
Black-bellied Plover				1								
Killdeer	23	6	12	4	25	8	3	1			2	

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AREA COVERED	CSR	NEAR	CCK	BAR	NECO	CCK	AC	SPR	WR	EV	C/P	SCM
LIFE ZONES VISITED	PLN	PLNS	PLN	PLN	PLNS	PLN	PL	PLN	PF	MT	PLN	P/F
Bonaparte's Gull			40		1im	8						
Mew Gull			1im			1im						
Ring-billed Gull	41	825	60	400	80	150	75	56			35	30
California Gull	2		125	1		125					2	
Herring Gull		1	1im	2	1ad	3		1			?	
Thayer's Gull											5	
Rock Dove	7	300	25		15	6		125	23		225	1
Mourning Dove					6							
Great Horned Owl	3		2		5	1	2	1				
Long-eared Owl			1									
Belted Kingfisher	2	3	1		3	1		7			5	
Lewis' Woodpecker		2										2
Downy Woodpecker	3	2		2		1						1
"Eastern" races			1fe		2m1f							
Hairy Woodpecker	1											
Northern Flicker		13		14	20				13			
"Red-shafted" race	2		8			6	5	16			7	2
Western Wood-Pewee (ND)												1
Horned Lark		80	2	5	3000						60	
Steller's Jay									40	6		2
Blue Jay		6	1		8	1			2			6
Scrub Jay									23			8
Black-billed Magpie	17	22	30	30	30	25		24	6	1	21	42
American Crow	6	16	1		4						6	63
Common Raven									4			2
Black-capped Chickadee	18		15	20	9	10	8	29	26	1		7
Mountain Chickadee	5									21		1
White-breasted Nuthatch	3									2		1
Pygmy Nuthatch										10		
Brown Creeper					1							
Canyon Wren									1			
American Dipper												1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1fe											
Townsend's Solitaire									3	1		1
American Robin	1	5	2		30	3	3	6	2		5	2
Water Pipit		1										
Northern Shrike	1			1	2ad	1im				1	2	
European Starling	21	1440	150	6	2000	35		45			200	9
Rufous-sided Towhee									5			2
American Tree Sparrow	23	5	10	1	4	3	14	2	2		2	18
Song Sparrow	3	15	10	12	4	4		6			2	3
Lincoln's Sparrow		1										
Swamp Sparrow			1im									
White-throated Sparrow		1										
White-crowned Sparrow		76					40	22			6	
"Gambel's" race			1im		60	1ad						
Dark-eyed Junco		10		30					27			
"Slate-colored" race	4			2	2			5				3
"Oregon" race	4		10	10	8	10	50	11		3	4	22
"Gray-headed" race										1		
Lapland Longspur					5							
Red-winged Blackbird	2	5490	20	20	5000	10	45	28			45	
Western Meadowlark	1	16	1		100						4	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	2											

NOVEMBER 1988	5	6	7	12	13	16	17	19	20	25	26	27
AREA COVERED	CSR	NEAR	CCK	BAR	NECO	CCK	AC	SPR	WR	EV	C/P	SCM
LIFE ZONES VISITED	PLN	PLNS	PLN	PLN	PLNS	PLN	PL	PLN	PF	MT	PLN	P/F
Brewer's Blackbird		13									6	35
Common Grackle					1ma							
House Finch	2	9	35		20	15	65	29		1	38	23
Pine Siskin												23
Lesser Goldfinch												
"Green-backed" race								1				
American Goldfinch	3	10	3	16	10	7	7	2	11			14
House Sparrow		65	10	9	250	25		2			40	
TOTAL SPECIES-103	46	54	52	40	58	49	35	47	25	12	51	42

ABBREVIATIONS & NOTES: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i;
 Heard Only=H; No Details=ND; Plains=PLNS,PLN,PL,P;
 Foothills=F; Mountains=M.

ADDITIONAL NOVEMBER 1988 REPORTS (Jack Reddall, compiler):

Pacific Loon 11-14 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA, Arapahoe Co. (JR); 11-23 (2) Jackson Reservoir SRA, Morgan Co. (JH); 11-30 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR,GJH).

Common Loon 11-2 (5) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).

Yellow-billed Loon 11-20 (1 winter plumage) Hamilton Reservoir, Larimer Co. (PL,WL,JR). This bird, the sixth state record for Colorado and the fifth in this decade, has been present at the reservoir serving the Rawhide Power Plant for over a month and has been viewed by many observers. Written documentation on file (JR).

Red-necked Grebe 11-22 & 11-23 (1 winter plumage) Lake Hasty Recreation Area, Bent Co. (HH).

American White Pelican 11-23 (4) Riverside Reservoir, Weld Co. (JH).

Tundra Swan 11-20 (4 adults) Hamilton Reservoir (PL,WL,JR).

Snow Goose 11-23 (1 "White" morph) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JM,JT); 11-26 (300 "White" morphs & 3 "Blue" morphs) Jackson Reservoir SRA (JC,JH,BP).

Ross' Goose 11-20 (1 adult "White" morph) Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (PL,WL,JR); 11-20 (1 adult "White" morph) McLellan Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (TJ).

Wood Duck 11-17 (1 female) Centennial Park, Englewood, Arapahoe Co. (TJ).

Greater Scaup 11-20 (1 female) Horseshoe Lake near Loveland, Larimer Co. (WL, JR).

Oldsquaw 11-21 (1 first winter male) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (DB); 11-23 (1 female) Quincy Reservoir, Aurora, Arapahoe Co. (JM,JT); 11-26 (1 winter plumaged adult male) Jumbo Reservoir (JC,JH,BP).

Black Scoter 11-2 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR). Written documentation on file (JR).

White-winged Scoter 11-20 (1 immature male) Hamilton Reservoir (PL,WL,JR & m.ob); 11-22 through 11-24 (1 immature) gravel pit pond on north 35th Ave., Greeley, Weld Co. (JH).

Hooded Merganser 11-20 (10 females, 7 males) McLellan Reservoir (TJ). This appears to be a favorite wintering spot for this species in the Denver area-Ed.

Red-breasted Merganser 11-23 (1 female) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JM,JT).

Bald Eagle 11-18 (1 second year immature) flying over South Wadsworth Blvd. & West Belleview, Jefferson Co. (TJ); 11-23 (2 adults, 1 immature) Riverside Reservoir (JH).

Merlin 11-22 (1 female "Richardson's" race) Chatfield SRA, Douglas Co. (JR).

Prairie Falcon 11-20 (1) Chatfield SRA (TJ).

Dunlin 11-20 (1) Horseshoe Lake near Loveland (PL,WL,JR).

Common Snipe 11-20 (20+) along Clear Creek west of Twin Lakes Park at 70th & Broadway, Adams Co. (JT).

Little Gull 11-12 (1 first winter immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (first found by WL; seen also by PL, JR). Written documentation on file (JR).

Mew Gull All month (1 immature - L. c. brachyrhynchus) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (m.ob). First found by WL on 10-9-88, this bird continues to be present at this location-Ed.

Thayer's Gull 11-22 (5 adults, 3 immatures) lake on the southwest corner of 88th & Dahlia, Adams Co. (JT). See comments regarding this species under "November 1988 Field Trip Highlights"-Ed.

Great Black-backed Gull 11-2 (1 first winter immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR). Written documentation on file (JR).

Black-legged Kittiwake 11-20 (1 first winter immature) Hamilton Reservoir (first found by WL; also seen by PL, JR); 11-25 (1 first winter immature) Horseshoe Lake near Loveland (JH); 11-27 through 11-30 (1 first winter immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (first found by RL, seen by several other observers).

Marsh Wren 11-22 (1) & 11-30 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).

American Dipper 11-1 (1) South Platte River, Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co! (RR).

Golden-crowned Kinglet 11-20 (3) Fort Collins cemetery, Larimer Co. (WL, JR).

Eastern Bluebird 11-26 (6) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington Co. (JC, JH, BP).

Chestnut-sided Warbler 11-14 (1 immature) Riverside Reservoir (JH). Written documentation submitted (JH).

Swamp Sparrow 11-22 (1 adult) Waterton, Jefferson Co. (JR).

White-throated Sparrow 11-1 (2) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (RR).

Harris' Sparrow 11-18 (1 immature) Chatfield SRA (TJ). Written documentation submitted (TJ).

Rusty Blackbird 11-22 (1 female) Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA (JR).

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Announcing "A Class on How to Identify the More Difficult Birds" by Tina Jones. Improve your identification skills, gain knowledge of particular bird species' behavior and learn specific bird habitat associations through this class offered by the Denver Museum of Natural History, Tuesdays, Jan. 17-31, 6:30-8:30 P.M. \$30 museum member, \$40 nonmember. Call 370-6304 for info.

CHRISTINE BONNEY and JACK HUMPHRIES

We are saddened to learn of the deaths of two, longtime members of the DFO this month. Christine Bonney passed away early this past spring back east and Jack Humphries died on December 5 here in Denver. We extend our sympathies to their respective families.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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ANNOUNCING THE FOURTH ANNUAL "UPPER TEXAS COAST FIELD TRIP"

Trip begins on the night of April 13, 1989 and ends on the afternoon of April 18, 1989. This is probably the most exciting place to be in North America in April for spring migrants. Last year over 200 species were seen. All expenses equally shared. Estimated expenses in Texas are approximately \$200 per person. There is a maximum of six birders! So sign up early if you are interested. Call Bob Righter (692-8529) for more details.

PURCHASING "A BIRDER'S GUIDE" SERIES OF BOOKS

Be sure and purchase your copies of the "Birder's Guide" series (Lane and Holt) at regular monthly meetings of the Denver Field Ornithologists. Forty percent of all sales made at DFO meetings are turned over to our treasury.

FLORIDA AUDUBON PROGRAM FOR INJURED RAPTORS

For a program to rehabilitate and care for injured and orphaned birds of prey, collect cancelled foreign and United States commemorative postage stamps, undamaged duck and conservation stamps and old and foreign picture postal cards. For information about this Florida Audubon program, call Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947) who delivers these items personally.

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED

If you would like to lead a Field Trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Ruth Breckon (455-0970) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS

Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

CARPPOOLING URGED ON FIELD TRIPS

All Denver Field Ornithologists are urged to carpool wherever possible when going on Field Trips to help to conserve energy. If you contemplate going on any of the scheduled Field Trips listed for January, please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for carpooling.

IDENTIFIABLE SUBSPECIES AND COLOR MORPHS - NUMBER 3

BRANT (Branta bernicla)

"White-bellied" race (Branta bernicla hrota)

"Black-bellied" or Black" race (Branta bernicla nigricans)

TAXONOMIC STATUS & DISTRIBUTION: Previously considered (and still regarded by some authors) as distinct and separate species: the Brant or "White-bellied" Brant (Branta bernicla) of the Atlantic coast of North America and the Black Brant or "Black-bellied" Brant (Branta nigricans) of the Pacific coast of North America. The Sixth Edition of the Check-List of North American Birds (1983) combined these two species into what it recognizes as two GROUPS, the bernicla group and the nigricans group, citing that mixed pairs and intermediates of each group have been reported from the Prince Patrick and Melville Islands in the Northwest Territories of Canada. However(!), the extent of this interbreeding is unknown.

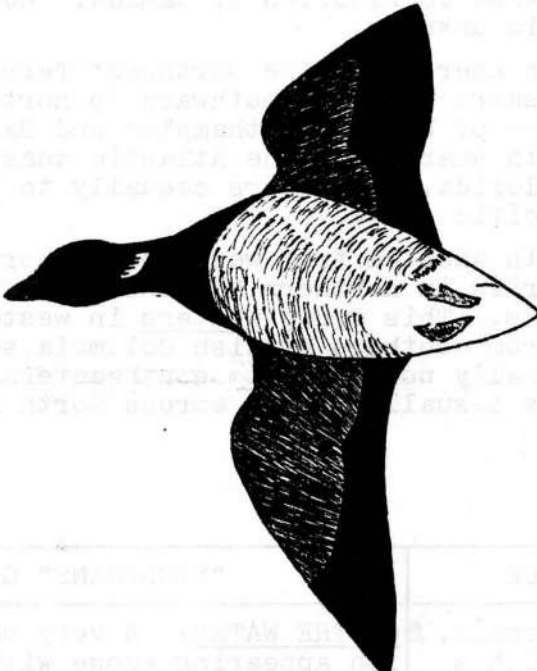
The bernicla group breeds in North America in the Northwest Territories from Prince Patrick, Melville and Ellesmere Islands southward to northern Keewatin (Adelaide Peninsula) and the Prince of Wales, Southampton and Baffin Islands. This group winters in eastern North America on the Atlantic coast from Maine to North Carolina and rarely to Florida, and occurs casually to the interior of North America and along the Pacific coast.

The nigricans group breeds in North America from western and northern Alaska eastward to the Northwest Territories in northern Mackenzie and the Banks, Melville and Prince Patrick Islands. This group winters in western North America along the Pacific coast from southern British Columbia south to southern Baja California (occasionally northward to southeastern Alaska). Like the bernicla group, it occurs casually inland across North America to the Atlantic seaboard.

BASIC DIFFERENCES IN FIELD MARKS:

	"BERNICLA" GROUP	"NIGRICANS" GROUP
ADULT (sexes alike)	<u>ON THE WATER</u>: A very small, dark appearing goose with a short, black neck and whitish sides, not much larger than a Mallard. Sits lightly on the water as a gull with tail up-raised showing the white undertail coverts. The head is poised gracefully and the goose pivots frequently as it feeds. <u>IN FLIGHT</u>: The short, black neck and foreparts <u>contrast sharply with the white breast</u> and the white "V" over the tail formed by the uppertail coverts is most prominent.	<u>ON THE WATER</u>: A very small, blackish appearing goose with some white on the sides and flanks, not much larger than a Mallard. Sits buoyantly on the water with head poised gracefully and tail uplifted, showing white of the undertail coverts. On the water it shows <u>almost as much white on the sides and hindquarters as the "bernicla" group</u>. <u>IN FLIGHT</u>: <u>The entire body appears very dark, relieved by the white undertail coverts and the "V" over the tail formed by the white uppertail coverts</u>. Flight of both groups is fast with short, energetic, rapid wingbeats usually close over the water.

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	"BERNICLA" GROUP	"NIGRICANS" GROUP
ADULT (sexes alike)	KEY DIFFERENCES: 1) a narrow, white crescent (collar) on each side of the neck which is <u>incomplete in front and behind</u>. 2) black of chest <u>sharply defined against lighter color of breast and sides</u> (seen best in flight). 3) <u>grayish-white</u> breast.	KEY DIFFERENCES: 1) a narrow, white crescent (collar) on each side of the neck which is <u>incomplete behind but complete in front</u>. 2) solid black of chest <u>merges into the dark breast</u> (seen best in flight). 3) <u>slaty-brown</u> breast.
	 	 

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	"BERNICLA" GROUP	"NIGRICANS" GROUP
<u>IMMATURE</u> (sexes alike)	Very similar to adult except: 1) white feathers on the side of neck (collar) barely discernable 2) wing coverts and scapulars <u>edged</u> with buffy-white. 3) breast and sides uniform light gray.	Very similar to adult except: 1) white feathers on the side of the neck (collar) not evident. 2) wing coverts, scapulars and secondaries are <u>edged</u> with white 3) breast dark gray to blackish and no barring on the sides.

STATUS IN COLORADO: Brants occur accidentally in Colorado. There have been but ten verified occurrences with seven of these identified as to group as follows:

"BERNICLA" GROUP (one record)

January 16, 1964 - a juvenal bird was live-trapped at Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca County.

"NIGRICANS" GROUP (6 records)

November or December 1954 - a single bird banded at Nelson Island in the Northwest Territories on July 28, 1951 was recovered near Loveland.

February 2-22, 1966 - an adult was present in the Denver City Park during this period (some doubt existed as to this bird being feral).

November 30 through December 7, 1968 - an adult was present on College Lake near Fort Collins, Larimer County during this period.

May 17, 1980 - One adult observed about 16 miles northeast of Briggsdale in Weld County.

October 24-31, 1981 - One adult present at Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA in Arapahoe County during this period and seen by many observers.

March 1-11, 1988 - One adult observed at Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld County during this period.

NOT IDENTIFIED AS TO GROUP (3 records)

April 11, 1883 - One shot at Fort Lyon, Bent County, the specimen not saved.

October 25, 1956 - One shot near Grand Junction, Mesa County, the specimen not saved.

January 17, 1972 - One observed at Turk's Pond in Baca County with a flock of 50,000 Canada Geese.

While Brants are accidental in Colorado, they may be overlooked since they tend to associate somewhat with large flocks of Canada Geese. However, if you see one, try to make an identification as to which group the bird belongs.

BEST SPOTS IN COLORADO AND OPTIMUM PERIODS TO OBSERVE:

Brants are to be looked for from late fall into early spring at the lakes and reservoirs on the eastern high plains (of the ten verified reports, nine came from eastern Colorado). There is no clearly established pattern as to where to look for these geese, but a good practice to keep in mind is to closely search through the large flocks of wintering Canada Geese and hope that you can be lucky enough to spot one. Canada Geese traditionally gather in large flocks in and around the Boulder area; the many reservoirs in Weld County; Jackson, Prewitt and Jumbo Reservoirs in northeastern Colorado and at the "waterholes" in extreme southeastern Colorado.

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SUGGESTED REFERENCES:

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- Wild Geese of the World - Owen, 1980, pages 65-72 and color plate #7.

TREASURER'S REPORT

OPERATING STATEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 8-31-1988:

REVENUES

Membership Dues	\$3,787
Interest on Savings Account	539
"Book Shop"	371
Donations to Colo. Bird Report	565
TOTAL	\$5,262

EXPENDITURES

Lark Bunting printing	\$3,254
Meeting Facilities	400
Colorado Bird Report	
Mountain Bell	186
Repairs	557
"Book Shop"	110
Donation to the <u>Colorado Bird Atlas</u>	150
Miscellaneous	184
TOTAL	\$4,841

BUDGET (Fiscal year ending 8-31-1989):

REVENUES

Membership Dues (incl. membership from DMNH)	\$3,225
Interest on Savings Account	450
"Book Shop"	200
Donations to Colo. Bird Report	500
TOTAL	\$4,375

EXPENDITURES

Lark Bunting Printing	\$3,000
Colorado Bird Report	
Mountain Bell	225
Repairs and Equipment Reserve	500
"Book Shop"	100
Donation to the <u>Colorado Bird Atlas</u>	200
Corporate Membership in DMNH	75
Miscellaneous	200
TOTAL	\$4,300

Prepared by Alan Hay, Treasurer

REPORTS FROM "TUESDAY BIRDERS"

NOVEMBER 1. SOUTH PLATTE PARK. Co-Leaders: Ann Bonnell/Mary Jo Rosemeyer. Observers: 33.

Pied-billed Grebe-3, Great Blue Heron-7, Canada Goose-48, Green-winged Teal-6, Mallard-80, Northern Pintail-3, Blue-winged Teal-1, Gadwall-3, American Wigeon-60, Canvasback-5, Redhead-14, Ring-necked Duck-5, Bufflehead-1, Common Merganser-5, Northern Harrier-2, Red-tailed Hawk-2; "Harlan's"-1, American Kestrel-2, Ring-necked Pheasant-1, American Coot-1, Killdeer-2, Ring-billed Gull-6, California Gull (dead im.)-1, Great Horned Owl-2, Belted Kingfisher-3, Downy Woodpecker-1, Northern Flicker "Red-shafted"-8, Black-billed Magpie-6, Black-capped Chickadee-6, American Robin-3, Northern Shrike-1, European Starling-17, American Tree Sparrow-2, Song Sparrow-1, White-crowned Sparrow-8, Dark-eyed Junco (sp?)-1, Red-winged Blackbird-57, House Finch-29, American Goldfinch-8, House Sparrow-1. (38 species, 413 individuals).

NOVEMBER 8. PARMALEE GULCH ROAD TO MOUNT FALCON PARK. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 25.

Mallard-8, Red-tailed Hawk-1, Golden Eagle-1, Blue Grouse-1, Sandhill Crane-2 (in air between Mt. Falcon and Red Rocks Park), Rock Dove-7, Steller's Jay-5, Black-billed Magpie-2, American Crow-3, Mountain Chickadee-4, White-breasted Nuthatch-1, Pygmy Nuthatch-15, Brown Creeper-4, Townsend's Solitaire-8, European Starling-2, Dark-eyed Junco "White-winged"-1; "Oregon"-5. (16 species, 66 individuals).

NOVEMBER 15. WATERTON CANYON. Postponed to Nov. 22 because of snow.

NOVEMBER 22. WATERTON CANYON. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 32.

Mallard-21, Common Goldeneye-1, Red-tailed Hawk-1, Belted Kingfisher-3, Downy Woodpecker-1, Northern Flicker "Red-shafted"-4, Steller's Jay-38, Scrub Jay-3, Black-billed Magpie-12, American Crow-7, Black-capped Chickadee-22, Mountain Chickadee-2, Brown Creeper-3, Canyon Wren-2, American Dipper-18, Townsend's Solitaire-4, Northern Shrike-1, Rufous-sided Towhee-4, American Tree Sparrow-10, Song Sparrow-3, Dark-eyed Junco "Oregon"-16; "Gray-headed"-6, House Finch-4. (22 species, 186 individuals).

NOVEMBER 29. CHATFIELD ARBORETUM. Leader: Ann Bonnell. Observers: 24

Great Blue Heron-1, Canada Goose-247, Northern Harrier-1, Red-tailed Hawk-1, Rough-legged Hawk-1, American Kestrel-1, Rock Dove-23, Great Horned Owl-1, Northern Flicker "Red-shafted"-4, Black-billed Magpie-9, American Crow-12, Black-capped Chickadee-10, European Starling-4, American Tree Sparrow-3, Dark-eyed Junco "Oregon"-4, Red-winged Blackbird-5, Western Meadowlark-20. (17 species, 343 individuals).

Monna Krebs (compiler)

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1989

JANUARY 1, Sunday. NEW YEAR'S DAY. NO TRIP

7, Saturday. URBAN SOUTH PLATTE RIVER. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at South Federal Blvd. and Belleview in front of King Soopers. $\frac{1}{2}$ -day trip. Lunch optional.

8, Sunday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Diana Mullineaux (237-5794). Meet at 8:30 A.M. at Prospect Park, West 44th Avenue near Robb Street *

14, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Walt Bull (751-1032). Meet at 8:30 A.M. at the Nature Center in Barr Lake State Park *

15, Sunday. BIRDS OF PREY REHABILITATION FOUNDATION. Leader: Sigrid Ueblacker. Meet at 1:00 P.M. at the Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, West 38th Avenue and Wadsworth Blvd. Park on the street east of the parking lot. Contact Ruth Breckon (455-0970) if going.

21, Saturday. BOULDER AREA. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Meet at 7:15 A.M. at the Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, West 38th Avenue and Wadsworth Blvd. Park on the street east of the parking lot, south of the church OR meet at 8:00 A.M. at the Basemar Shopping Center at the southeast corner of Baseline Road and Broadway (Colo. Hwy. 93) in Boulder. *

22, Sunday. CHATFIELD SRA. Leaders: Brenda Cockrell (989-9018) & Joey Kellner (988-5961). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the "Park-and-Ride" on South Wadsworth Blvd. just south of US Hwy. 285 (Hampden Avenue) OR at 7:45 A.M. at the west gate to Chatfield SRA. *

28, Saturday. BEAR CREEK, PLAINS TO FOOTHILLS. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the Bear Valley Shopping Center at South Sheridan Blvd. and Hampden Avenue (US Hwy. 285) in the southwest section near the Burlington Coat Factory. *

29, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR SRA. Leader: Mort Staatz (279-6169). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the west gate to Cherry Creek Reservoir SRA. *

*BRING LUNCH

SUBMITTED BY: Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
Ruth Wheeler (455-0970)

Field Trip Coordinators

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT DATES:

DECEMBER 17, Saturday:

Rocky Mountain National Park—Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Park Headquarters at Estes Park. Leader: Clait Braun (1-493-2841) or (1-484-2836).

DECEMBER 19, Monday:

Nunn - Meet at 8:00 A.M. at CSU Lab. (IBP Site). Leader: Clait Braun.

DECEMBER 24, Saturday:

Ft. Collins - Call Ron Ryder (1-482-8089) for meeting place and time.

DECEMBER 28, Wednesday:

North Park - Meet at 8:00 A.M. at KOA Campground at Gould. Leader: Clait Braun (1-493-2841) or (1-484-2836).

DECEMBER 31, Saturday:

Hamilton Reservoir - Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the Hamilton Reservoir overlook. Leader: Ron Ryder (1-482-8089).

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS -- Membership Information

WELCOME to the D.F.O.

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers and at the same time learning their songs and calls as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August and December), 7:30 p.m. at the Denver Museum of Natural History West Auditorium. Date and time reported on Rare Bird Alert 423-5582. These meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in different sections of Colorado. Usually it is necessary to bring your lunch and wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching as well as save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile per car divided by number of passengers including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, The Lark Bunting, is issued monthly listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of birds seen on previous month's trips is given in check-list order as well as many of the interesting sightings reported by members.

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